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Our Champions

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Middle row: Mark Leahy (Manager), Brad Pollock, Brennan Tuckett, James Black, Shawn Leahy, Justin Cassidy, Adam McDonald, Ryan Morton, Tyler Gouden, Shawn Chapman (Trainer).
Front row: Bruce Gordon (Coach), Scott Acorn, Mike McCann, Justin Courneyea, Jason Wilson, Murray Maloney, Frank Solmes, Sherry Maloney (Assistant Trainer), Johnny Ellis (Assistant Manager). The championship winning Centre Hastings "Grizzlies" brought the coveted Midget DD OMHA trophy back to Madoc. OMHA trophies hold much history, and each team member also receives an OMHA medallion to celebrate his or her achievement. *Please see complete story on page 3. Photo by Aubrey Johnson*

Ontario moves forward with mandatory criminal background checks

The province will take another step to improve the safety and security of Ontario's classrooms with the introduction of criminal background checks for teachers and other school employees starting in September 2001, Education Minister Janet Ecker announced.

"We recognize that the vast majority of teachers and school staff have earned and deserve the respect of their students," said Ecker. "However, mandatory criminal background checks will provide school boards with an additional tool to assist

them in creating more secure learning environments."

This initiative is part of the Harris government's election commitment to move forward with a province-wide Code of Conduct to improve safety within our schools. Local police services would run a one-time criminal background check designed to capture all criminal convictions.

Approximately 200,000 individuals are employed in schools across Ontario and would be affected by the mandatory criminal background checks. The checks would be phased in over two

school years, beginning in September 2001 and running to August 2003.

This initiative will form the basis of a new regulation under the Safe Schools Act, 2000. Over the next month the government will solicit input from the Ontario College of Teachers, the Ministry of the Solicitor General and other partners on implementing criminal background checks for September.

Criminal background checks are consistent with practices for a variety of other professions, including social workers and early

childhood education workers. This initiative will establish a province-wide standard and set out the necessary procedures for handling this type of information.

"Parents, teachers and students have told us that safe,

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New initiative promotes early intervention

Four schools in the Hastings & Prince Edward District School Board have been named as demonstration sites to pilot a new initiative of the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO).

During the 2001-2002 school year, Prince Charles Public School in Trenton, Queen Elizabeth Public School in Picton, Foxboro Public School and Bancroft Public School will all be implementing and evaluating the Dynamic Screening and Intervention Model of Senior Kindergarten as part of the Promoting Early Intervention Initiative.

The Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario is a volunteer-led organization that acts as a catalyst and resource for the development of appropriate community services for people with learning disabilities.

In 1999, \$2 million was allocated to the LDAO by the Ontario government to establish the Promoting Early Intervention Initiative.

This pilot in the local schools is the first field testing of the initiative, scheduled to be rolled out across the province the following year. It will assess the readiness to learn of Senior Kindergarten students.

"The Prom Years Intervention supports all kids who are those who are more complex. Kate Lloyd of the LDAO has high hopes for this initiative."

It is expected and support children at risk of school failure, enhance the accreditation of teachers, and development of behavioral and emotional problems in children with learning disabilities.

In addition, the intervention initiative will support teachers, and support school boards, resource bank, children with learning disabilities.

Book Signing

Local author Chris Magwood will be present at the Madoc Public Library Saturday April 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. He will be signing copies of his highly successful book "Straw bale building: how to plan, design and build with straw". Chris is generously donating the proceeds from the sale of these books to the Madoc Public Library Building Fund.

Please come out and visit with Chris and help support your local library.

Restricted loads on township roads

by Constable Kathy Whyte/Centre Hastings OPP

The Centre Hastings detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police would like to remind the trucking industry that restricted loads are in effect in several townships. There is a limit of 5 tons per axle, less the weight of the vehicle.

These restrictions are regulated by township bylaws and can extend up to the 15th of May, although they are generally off by the 1st of May.

All of the roads have been posted. The OPP will be working in conjunction with the townships to enforce these restrictions.

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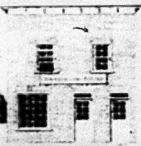
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Students showcase learning

Almost five hundred students from across Hastings and Prince Edward Counties will be showcasing their scientific side at the Quinte Mall this weekend at the 41st annual Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair. The first Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair took place at Moira Secondary School in 1960. Today,

more than one hundred judges and a team of dedicated committee members, and volunteers help this event run smoothly for the participants and nearly 30,000 people who come to the Quinte Mall to see their work.

In the morning, the judge-

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Chretien government considers whether to allow cellphone silencers

Federal Liberals are considering whether to license technology that can block the annoying use of cellphones in theatres, restaurants and even corporate boardrooms. Canadians will get 90 days to comment on the potential use of so-called cellphone silencers starting next week, federal sources say.

Industry Canada will seek the public's view on "devices capable of interfering with or blocking mobile telephone communications," according to a government news release issued recently. The three-month comment period would end July 12.

"I think probably the broadest interest is perhaps in theatres and restaurants where people would like to have their quiet space preserved," said David Warnes, a policy manager at Industry Canada. "We're going to gather the widest public views possible on the use of cellphone silencers," he said in an interview. "It's to assist the department in its decisions on whether and under what conditions li-

cence applications for these devices should be considered."

One in three Canadians owns or uses a cellphone, but to many their annoyance factor outweighs convenience. Many countries, including the United States, have blanket bans against anything that would block cellphone signals. Canada's policy prohibits the use of jamming technology except

dead set against anything that would block cellphone use.

Marc Choma of the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association thinks the silencer devices should remain illegal in Canada. "Our main concern is with the public safety factor," said Choma. "We wouldn't want people such as fire, police, ambulance having any problems or interference with their mobile communications."

The Radio Advisory Board of Canada warned in a position paper last fall that the government and makers of cellphone silencers could face "legal repercussions" if the technology is allowed. A committee of the board said that could happen "particularly in situations where lives could have been or were lost."

Two companies have already approached the federal government, hoping for a rule change so they can sell the silencers. A policy an-

nouncement will likely come before the end of the year, Warnes said.



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secure learning environments are a priority," said Ecker. "This is another key step in fulfilling the government's commitment to make all publicly-funded schools safe, respectful places for learning and teaching."

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Centre Hastings Grizzlies win All-Ontario championship

By Sherri Carman

On March 24th, the stands of the Madoc Arena were packed with eager hockey fans as the Family Auto Midget Grizzlies took to the ice for game three of the OMHA All-Ontario Championship round. A win that Saturday night meant a three game sweep against the Teeswater Gay Lea Butter Kings and the title! Less than a minute into the first period, Tyler Gordon found the back of the opponents net, with help from Mike McCann and Jason Wilson. It was Jason who banged home goal number two, assisted by Ryan Johansen and Tyler Gordon. Teeswater got by goal tender Justin Courneya at 10:55 in the first. T. J. Tomlinson scored next for the home team, while the Teeswater goalie was having a nap, passed up by Scott Acorn. The visitors came right back to end the period 3-2 and make things interesting.

It was early into period number two when the Grizzlies took control of the hockey game and out-scored the Butter Kings 4-0. C.H. goals came from T. J. Tomlinson (1), Jason Wilson (2) and the hat trick! and Scott Acorn. Assists were earned by Ryan Johansen, Adam McDonald, Mike McCann and Frank Solmes. The Grizzlies went into the third with a healthy lead and managed to keep it that way.

Justin Cassidy scored the lone goal of the final period, off the sticks of Adam McDonald and Frank Solmes. Teeswater tried for the comeback squeezing in two goals but it was a little too late and the Midgets got the victory and are the All-Ontario Champs! Congratulations to all the Midget players for a great season and to the coaching staff for all their hard work and dedication to the boys! Head Coach Bruce Gordon, Assistant Coach Shaun Chapman, Trainer Sherry Maloney, Manager Mark Leahy and John Ellis all deserve a pat on the back.

A special thanks to team sponsor (and biggest fan) Stan Gylytuik, from Family Auto and to Katie Hinchliffe who lent us her beautiful voice, singing O Canada at the opening ceremonies.

Another All-Ontario match was played that Saturday, in Marmora. The Hunter Ford Juvenile team had also made it to the finals. After a disastrous road trip the weekend before, the Juveniles were down two games against Harrow. These guys played one heck of a game of hockey in game three, but were edged

out in a 2-1 decision. There were a lot of heads hanging when the hockey players came off the ice, with the OMHA Silver Medal. 1, for one, couldn't be prouder of these guys! This hockey team was put together from several surrounding communities, and was our first Juvenile entry. The powers that be at the OMHA office

bumped the team from a DD grouping into a B team loop, which meant that the team had to compete at a level 2 to 3 categories above the level that they are used to playing! Even at that level of competition these guys kicked some serious butt all season long and got by every final round they played right to the championship! Hats

off to goal tenders B. J. Meiklejohn and Ryan Devolin and team mates Andy Gunning, Isaac Muise, Adam Clement, Evan Hailstone, Greg Harrison, Jesse Chapman, Jesse Cassidy, Brian Harrison, Sean Cassidy, Casey Pomorski, Ken Forbes, Mike Lam, Nick Pollock, Brian Thompson, Ryan Terrior, Kirby Tebo and Richard Derry. Congratulations also to Charlie Tebo (Head Coach), John Oke (Assistant Coach), Joe McCaw (Trainer) and Managers Jerry Chapman and Gina Bonter. Thanks to team sponsor Doug Hunter Ford and to the Crowe Valley and Marmora District Lions

Clubs for their financial support of these two All-Ontario teams!

As the hockey winds to a close for year, I want to thank minor hockey teams dedication to the sport, the hours of enter we all enjoyed. M calendars! Thurs 12th at 7:30 pm is at the Marmora Ta April 20th is the Awards night band your team manage serve seating! Apr 22nd we will hold registration from 1 noon at both arena great summer.

Man's best friend becomes kid's best friend

Ralph was teased mercilessly by his classmates because he was overweight. After a while, he responded by bullying others. Fortunately, his behaviour was spotted early and he entered a program that teamed up troubled youngsters with selected homeless dogs. Participants—both human and canine—worked out their problems together, with the help of trained facilitators. As Ralph taught his dog to behave properly, his own

behaviour began to improve and his bullying stopped.

This scenario played itself out many times in a two-year project called the Viscount Adoption Program, funded by the federal government's National Strategy on Community Safety and Crime Prevention. In this project, volunteers such as Dean Verger, an Ottawa-based animal behaviourist, used dogs to reach out to children with behavioural problems. Both the dogs and children (aged

eight to twelve) were carefully chosen. Children were recommended by the elementary schools they attended. Program officials were quick to point out that it was an honour for the kids to have been selected for the program rather than something they were being forced to do.

The program's interactive approach focused on re-

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Food Drive

The Stirling Girl Guides and Boy Scouts will be having their annual Easter Food Drive on Saturday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. There will be a door-to-door pickup in the village in aid of the Stirling Community Food Cupboard.

Please help those less fortunate. For further information, please contact Barb Pitman at 395-3090.

Marmora arena keeps ice until June 30

Marmora - Arena Manager Curtis Trimble is in charge of a municipal experiment this year that will see ice in the arena for an extra 90 days. Normally, ice comes out on or about March 31; this year, the date has been extended to June 30, allowing a spring figure skating school, hockey tournaments, free skates for parents & tots and seniors to continue. And, because the ice will be out in arenas in the surrounding communities, it is hoped that the Marmora arena will benefit even

more so, by renting ice time to them. He hopes to advertise for recreational leagues, particularly for Sunday mornings, with the expectation that leagues would carry on next winter.

One big event, scheduled for June 9 and 10, is a provincial Junior A hockey evaluation camp for 14 and 15 year olds sponsored by the Bowmanville Eagles. It is anticipated that up to 80 kids will take part, six coaches/trainers and a goalie coach. The camp could give some local hockey players the opportunity to be evaluated by a Junior A hockey team.

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Enrolment expected to decline, KPR says

Most of the decline will be felt in elementary schools

Peterborough - The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board says it will have about 327 fewer students in its schools this fall.

An administrative report tables at Monday night's budget meeting says the average daily enrolment of full-time equivalent students under 21 years of age will be 40,010. This year there are 40,336 students.

"The majority of this decline is in the elementary panel," says Dean MacDonald, senior manager of finance and business with the KPR.

Mr. MacDonald says the low enrolment numbers is the result of kindergarten and

grade one having lower numbers than graduating grade eights.

Because of this, he says the KPR can "expect some reduced funding."

But until they receive the general legislative grants for next year they do not know exactly how much this reduction will be.

"We do know that if the funding formula remained the same, it would mean a loss of about \$2 million," Mr. MacDonald explained. "Some of that would be offset by lower costs. The rest of the revenue loss would need to be addressed in the budget process."

Enrolment for 2001-02 is projected at 26,006 full-time equivalent elementary students compared to this year's 26,300. Secondary full-time equivalent enrolment is expected to total 14,004 compared to the current 14,037.

"We do know that if the funding formula remained the same, it would mean a loss of about \$2 million."

Dean MacDonald
Manager of Finance
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Kawartha Pine Ridge
District Board

During the Board meeting there were three presentations from the public including one from a group of Adam Scott Intermediate parents who raised concerns about funding for textbooks, special education and technology in the classroom.

They asked that funding

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Perfect classroom: The Asphodel-Norwood Fire and Rescue Service have been utilizing a long-abandoned farm house during regular weekly training sessions and last Sunday afternoon Township firefighters, including four new recruits and five observers from the Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Fire Department, conducted a final session at the home. The day was capped when the house was set ablaze and burned to the ground.

Photo/Bill Freeman

Same old script as Mildmay shades Percy for OMHA juvie crown

Warkworth--When it was all said and done, Curt Schmalz proved the difference as Mildmay turned back the determined Percy Santa Saw Bull Dogs to capture the all-Ontario juvenile championship.

As Yogi Berra would say, it was deja vu all over again as the series resumed Saturday night. Just as he had done in game four, Schmalz came through with two goals, including the game-winner, as Mildmay ended the Bull Dogs' hopes of extending the series.

With a 4-3 victory, Mildmay swept to the OMHA crown by a 9-1 margin in points, winning four consecutive one-goal victories after the teams tied 4-4 in the opener. It was a bitter disappointment for coach Derek Lord and his Percy skaters but they had the satisfaction of pushing Mildmay to the limit in every contest before yielding the honour.

In Saturday night's finale at the Warkworth Arena, Bull

Dogs trailed 1-0 at the first intermission, but battled back with a strong three-goal

second period that left them on even terms at 3-3 head-

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Best wishes from Norwood: Dorothy Fallis, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 300 in Norwood presents a special 50th anniversary plaque to Linda Robbins, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Branch 106 in Hastings during Saturday evening's special 50th anniversary banquet.

Photo/Bill Freeman

Alternative PSB meeting concept wins Council nod

Asphodel-Norwood - A one-year trial of an "alternative" Police Services Board meeting arrangement has won approval at Township Council.

The Township's current Police Services Board would continue to meet but every other month a combined meeting bringing together PSB members from Havelock-Belmont-Methuen and Otonabee-South Monaghan with Asphodel-Norwood would be held.

Three other blended arrangements have been established throughout Peterborough County.

The idea came out of a discussion held Feb. 21 with members from all eight PSBs in Peterborough County.

Peterborough County OPP Inspector Jack Watkins says there "was meaningful discussion on the effectiveness of the current Board structures particularly as they impact on my ability to service the Boards, maintain my liaison with Township and Municipal Councils and for the human resource work effort to prepare for these many Board meetings."

They looked at the status quo, other lower tier arrangements and the concept of an upper tier Board and contract option.

"It was clear that the upper tier option is not an option at this time," Insp. Watkins said. "Rightfully, the various Boards are of the opinion that such a chance would be premature since the Boards are still a rather new concept and there is a fear of losing local authority."

Insp. Watkins says the PSBs from the two communities that would meet with Asphodel-Norwood both share concerns for safety along Highway 7 and other common policing concerns.

"It is hoped that joint inputs would develop and Boards would benefit from thoughts of others," Insp. Watkins said.

"Important decisions requiring Board inputs will also be enhanced," he adds.

Insp. Watkins is hopeful that the new structures will produce positive results while addressing some of the time pressures he personally feels meeting obligations associated with PSB meetings.

OMHA final series...

Bulldogs fall to Mildmay juvies

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ing into the final frame. Schmalz then pulled the trigger on his big goal at 14:08 - the only scoring either team was able to muster as the final minutes ticked off. Mildmay employed the

same old script right to the bitter end by getting the lead late in the game and then holding off the Bull Dogs with some resourceful forechecking.

Wes Dietz, working with Jeremy Bross and Shawn Detzler, opened the scoring

for Mildmay. After taking a 2-0 lead in the second period on Schmalz's first goal, Percy finally got on the board seven seconds later. Mark Hogg was the marksman as he converted on Josh Cork's pass.

Then after Detzler made

it 3-1, Percy stormed back near the end of the period with two goals. Dustin Linton connected on a play with Chris McComb and then Percy gave their supporters plenty to cheer about as Geordie Nelson tied it. Justin Lowe earning the assist.

But the die had been cast. Bull Dogs struggled valiantly against the close-checking Mildmay team without avail and it was left to Schmalz to repeat his fourth-game magic.

However, being runner-up in such a closely-contested provincial final spoke volumes for the character and performance of the Bull Dogs that earned the unstinting praise of fans and the entire Percy minor hockey organization.

Numbers will be down next year: KPR

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be channelled as much as possible into areas that mostly direct learning.

"We are pleased to welcome the input from parents and our community," Budget Char Angela Lloyd says.

"We will bring forward the questions and concerns raised in the presentations to the budget deliberations at the appropriate meeting dates."

She says deliberations can't begin until the KPR receives detailed funding figures from the government.

"We are hoping to receive that information as soon as possible," Ms. Lloyd says.

"If people wish to offer their suggestions for Board consideration, we will be pleased to set aside time for them at any of the future budget meetings," she says.

To make things more accessible, Ms. Lloyd says the KPR would gladly accept presentations in person at the Education Centre or at any of the Board's three video-conference sites.

Anyone wishing to appear as a delegation at a future budget meeting can call Brenda Todhunter at the Education Centre at 705-742-9773 or toll-free at 1-877-741-4577 (ext. 2024).

Future budget meetings are scheduled for April 10 and April 17.

OPP conduct second B & E stop blitz

Havelock-Belmont-Methuen - Nearly 350 vehicles were checked during an intensive break and enter stop blitz Mar. 28 by the Peterborough County OPP.

Twenty-two officers and 13 units set up in five locations throughout the township in an attempt to identify suspects travelling through the area and locate any stolen goods that might have been transported out of the region.

The OPP also say the blitz was another way of heightening public awareness about policing efforts in the area.

"It was also important to instill in local residents the need for them to watch their area for suspicious activity and then contact police should they see anything," says Constable Jim Searle.

Police made no seizures of stolen property during the initiative but did lay 15 Traffic Act charges along with 14 Compulsory Insurance Act charges. They also stopped two suspected drivers.

The Peterborough County OPP will continue with this initiative through the detachment area, Const. Searle says, and will be implementing this strategy at different locations and times of the day.

"The general consensus from the public was that they were extremely pleased with the efforts being made and (the public) found that the 20 seconds of delay was something well worth their time to help make their community safer."

Tossed beer bottle smashes car window

Hastings - Police continue their investigation after a beer bottle was thrown at a parked car on Albert Street Mar. 30 smashing its front window.

The vehicle's owner says the bottle was thrown from a passing car.

Northumberland OPP are also looking for the public's help after a youth complained of being assaulted. Police say the youth was approached by an unknown male who grabbed him and threw him to the ground.

The victim sustained minor injuries.

Anyone who might have witnessed the assault or who knows the identity of the accused is asked to contact the OPP at 653-3300 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

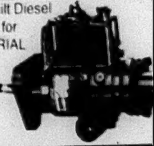
Police are also investigating a break in at a Wellington Street residence sometime between Mar. 30-31. A quantity of frozen items were stolen during the robbery.

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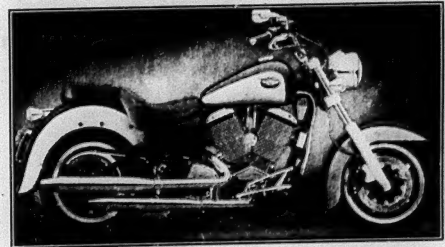
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Break-and-enter in Hope Township

Northumberland OPP Detachment is investigating a report of a break-and-enter to a shed located in Hope Township which occurred between March 17-24. During the break-in, a 1994 Arctic Cat, bearing Ontario registration 891948; four chainsaws and numerous tools were stolen.

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Farmers urged to attend animal disease meetings

Guelph--Farmers and the farming community need to be better informed and prepared for the chance that Canada may some day face a potential foreign animal disease outbreak such as the Foot and Mouth epidemic affecting the United Kingdom and Europe.

For that reason several of Ontario's commodity organizations, including the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency, Ontario Cattleman's Association, Ontario Pork and Dairy Farmers of Ontario have joined together

to host a series of information meetings across the province in early April.

John Hemsted, chair of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Association, says it is absolutely vital that producers know what steps they can take to lessen the risks of diseases like FMD or Scrapie reaching Canada and decimating the agricultural industry.

Dick van der Byl, president of the Ontario Cattleman's Association, says that it's crucial for all sectors of the industry, not just farm-

ers, to attend informational meetings.

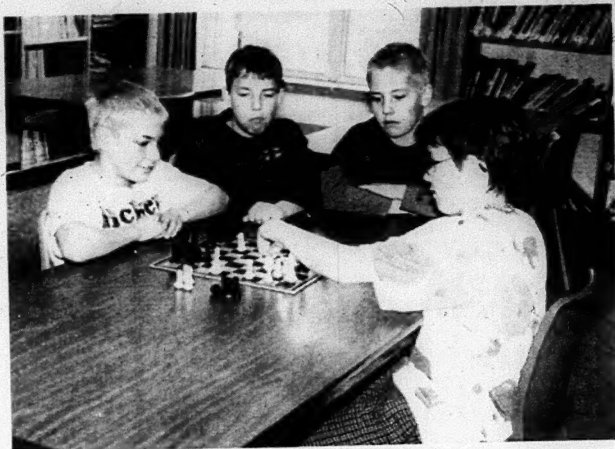
"We'd like to see everyone there from truckers, dead stock operators and veterinarians to auction market representatives, livestock dealers and agribusiness staff," he stated.

The local session will be held Thursday, April 12th, from 7-10 p.m., at the Cambray Community Centre, north west of Lindsay.

Other sessions are scheduled Monday, April 9th, 7-10 p.m., at the New Liskeard Agricultural Research Station; Tuesday, April 10th, 1-4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m., Woodstock Fairgrounds; and Wednesday, April 11th, 7-10 p.m., Kemptville College, Parish Hall.

At each session, experts from CFIA and OMAFRA, as well as representatives from the various commodity organizations, will provide background on specific foreign animal diseases, including FMD, Scrapie and BSE. Discussion will focus on how producers can take steps to protect themselves and their farms against such an outbreak. They will also learn what would happen if a disease like FMD reached Canada. Eradication procedures and the compensation program will be highlighted as part of the program.

The workshops are sponsored through a grant from the federally-funded Agricultural Adaptation Council.



Chess showdown: The excitement was certainly running high during the recently-held Junior Division (Grade 5-6) chess tourney at Hastings Public School. Meeting in the championship showdown were Evan Sherlock-Hubbard (far right) and Kyle Lemoire (far left) with Kyle prevailing as the winner. Watching the action were judges Kirk Dainard and Daniel Tallent. Other members of the Junior Chess Club supervised by teacher Germain Gagné were Chris Amos, Lynleigh Keat, Ashley Lynch, Nicole Mahoney, Cory McColl, Kristin McConkey, Marshall rank, Melissa Ushchenko and Kurt West.

Photo/Bill Freeman

Lots of kids' events planned for Fair by Red Barn Committee

Campbellford--It's time again when thoughts of summer and summer activities fill the air. On March 20th, the committee for the Campbellford Fair Red Barn Children's Activity Centre met to plan this year's program for the 2001 Fair scheduled for the August 10-12 weekend.

A flurry of activity is being planned at the popular Red Barn venue. Back by popular demand will be the Next Generation Cloggers and the OPP Bear Hug Band. Planned crafts will include Scarecrow creations and a frenzy of "frog hoppings" from the Frog Princess, frog jumping contest and frog creations of all kinds.

"We are having reptilian creatures and their keepers from the Reptile Zoo for all to see," said Elaine Govier, one of the organizers. She said there will also be tie-dyeing T-shirts' activity with Heidi Schaeffer.

Paul Hutt and his magical talents will appear on Saturday. New to the program this

year will be the Campbellford 1st Scout group hosting Cub Car Races. Organizers remind scouts to get their car kit early and create a car for the race with their family.

The committee is still hard at work looking for concessions, entertainment, activities and sponsorship to make the 2001 Red Barn program

a complete success. Those interested in assisting as a committee member or as a student volunteer on any of the events planned are asked to call Joy Petherick at 653-4110.

Next Meeting

Next meeting for the Red Barn Committee is scheduled May 1st at the home of Joy Petherick at 7:30 p.m.

Residence Break-In

Police reported a Brighton Township residence was entered March 2nd and a variety of items stolen. Entry to the home appears to have been through a residence garage. Thieves took a 27-inch television, two VCRs, a mini-stereo, two portable telephones, a fax machine and 15 bottles of beer.

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By Eileen Young

Hastings - As the 2000-01 season is nearing an end (boo hoo!), the Hastings 5 Pin Bowlers Association wish to extend our thanks to all our bowlers who come out faithfully every week to join in the fun and frolics on the lanes and we hope to see you all again next year.

Anyway, down to the business at hand -- the scores for Mar. 26. We start off with Marg Greenly who bowled games of 208 and 188, Marg Hummel had games of 133, 128 and 131 for a triple of 392, Joan West had 168 and a triple of 399, Vera Dodd had 205, Glenda Glenn had a super day with games of 189, 203 and 171 for a triple of 563 (Glenda was in this year's AIL (American Income Life) Canada's Association Executives Championship, Marie Kirby had games of 155 and 142 for a personal best triple of 431, Vera Gibson had 134 and Camille Edwards had a personal best game of 216.

Eileen Young had a super game of 280 and triple of 618, Fran Toms, who is in this year's **Bowling Proprietor's Association national Classified**, bowled a game of 203 and triple of 542, Judy Ellidge continues on her rise to stardom with games of 175 and 173 and triple of 481, Donna Finney, who is in this year's **Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association Senior Tournament**, had 190, Carole Trumble just keeps getting better each week with her personal best this week of 236 and triple of 519, Shirley Bevan had a good game of 165 and Virginia Marshall was jumping for joy with her games of 178, 171 and 180 (talk about consistent) and triple of 529, Jo Anne McParlan had a game of 200, Gerri Greenwood bowled a game of 201 and Wanda Greacen had a fantastic day with her excellent games of 165, 148, 164 and super triple of 477.



Hot stuff: The Township of Asphodel-Norwood Fire and Rescue Service wrapped up an extensive Sunday afternoon training session at an abandoned farm house on the 11th Line by setting the dilapidated structure ablaze and watching it burn to the ground. Township firefighters were also joined by some observers from the Havelock-Belmont Methuen Fire Department. The spectacular fire lit up the skies around that part of the Township attracting nearby neighbours who were told of Sunday's special training exercise. Photo/Bill Freeman



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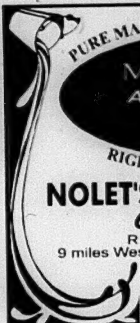
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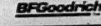
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John Glenn has the right stuff

By Eileen Young

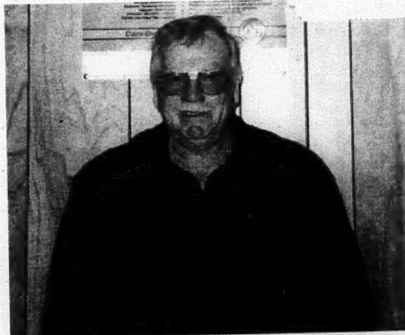
Hastings - On April 1, Dodd's Lanes in Hastings was the arena for the battle of the gladiators in the bowling battle for the title of "Booster" person of the year.

There were two shifts to accommodate all the entries. The Hastings 5 Pin Bowlers Association and the Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers Association are proud of all the bowlers and congratulate all the winners.

There were two 300 games -- one in the morning and one in the afternoon -- both bowled by Terry Chapman at 302 and 339 respectively. Wouldn't it have been something if they were both accomplished on the same shift?

We will give you the top ten winners but only the top bowler will be going to the Provincials on May 12. In 10th place there was a tie between Jody Powell and Tracy Rance with 46 pins over their average; 9th place was Fred Lautenbach with 51 pins over his average; 8th place was Tony Edwards with 55 pins over; 6th and 7th places were knotted between Donna Finney and Judy Ellidge with 56 pins over their averages; 4th and 5th places were also tied between Fred Lautenbach and Julie Norbury with 71 pins over; 3rd place was won by Gail Armstrong with 81 pins over; 2nd place was taken by Heather Pflanzner with 84 pins and in top spot, drum roll please (and heading top the provincials, drum roll please, is John Glenn with a terrific 136 pins over his average.

Congratulations to you all and good luck, John on May 12.



Leader of the pack: John Glenn was on top of his game during the Booster of the Year tourney at Dodd's Lanes.

U.S. forces flee in dark in battle of Lundy's Lane

By Madeline Simpson

The regular meeting of the Campbellford Seymour Heritage Society was called to order by Vice-President Larry Healey at the Heritage Centre March 19th.

Old records and two photographs (1939 and 1960) were received from the former Public Utilities Commission.

An Antique Road Show will be held at the Centre May 12th for \$5 for each appraisal.

The speaker of the evening was John Eisle, who, after a visit to historical Lundy's Lane, was inspired to write up the history of the battle fought there.

Lundy's Lane War

Where? When? Why? Ask these questions to an average Canadian, and they might answer one or two, but rarely all three of them. Yet this was the bloodiest, fiercest battle ever fought on Canadian soil.

By comparison, the Battle of the Plains of Abraham was merely a skirmish--over in an hour. Lundy's Lane was a drawn-out struggle between the armies of comparable size and determination. The action started in the afternoon of a hot July 25th day in 1813, and continued through most of the night with attack and counter-attack.

The Americans were determined to rout the British regulars and Canadian militia from the hill they occupied; with the British, led by Lt.-Gen. Gordon Drummond obstinately holding the "high ground", sometimes giving ground grudgingly, and counter-attacking to regain what they had lost.

Sometimes, in the dark, the lines became blurred. It was difficult to tell friend from foe. Between counter and counter-attack, during pauses in the action, the exhausted soldiers, thirsting

for water on this sultry night, could hear a maddening sound--the thunder of Niagara Falls, only a scant one-half mile away. Cool, clear water so close but not reachable!

Captured Cannons

At one point, during a particularly furious assault, the Americans were able to push the British Canadian forces back from their position on the crest of the hill. Capturing two of the defenders' cannons, the Americans retired down the hill--too spent to maintain the initiative.

The British/Canadian forces regrouped and moved up to drive the men off the hill, but the faint light of dawn revealed a surprising sight. The enemy was gone, in retreat back to Fort Erie from whence they started the campaign.

They had left in haste while it was still dark, not even bothering to take the captured cannon, nor their dead soldiers, who lay scattered over the trampled hillside. British/Canadian troops were in no better condition after the long, terrible, sleepless night. Even the chore of burying the dead was too tough a task in their state of exhaustion.

There was an easier way of disposing of the corpses, and they took it. Wood was

plentiful and close at hand. A pyramid of logs was hotly and into it went the American dead mated on the spot they had gone into before than a day before.

Painful Journey

For the British/Canadians, it was a journey of wretchedness, a journey of springless wagons, a journey of the army barracks, a journey of pressed surgeons tent wounded. This meant amputation.

A visit to Lundy's Lane will reveal several of the battle fought in that battle is Drummond Road in honour of Gen. Drummond, who bornly held his ground the battle.

Spilling the pins at the Trent Valley Lanes

Tuesday Golden Age (March 27)

Series IV Standings-- Alley Cats, 26; Crackerjacks, 26; One Pin Short, 24.

High Averages--Men: Carl Dorge, 191; Duncan Ulley, 185; Don Cassan, 180; Ladies: Marlene Harris, 189; Marie Bullen, 169; Shirley MacEwan, 164.

High Singles Flat--Men: Burt Green, 236; Robert Sutherland, 233; Gord Mead, 211; Ladies: Joan Turner, 225; Shirley MacEwan, 223; Marlene Harris, 220.

High Singles With Handicap--Men: Burt Green, 287; Robert Sutherland, 281; Lionel Harris, 270; Ladies: Joan Turner, 278; Jean Collard, 276; Shirley MacEwan, 273.

High Triples Flat--Men: Robert Sutherland, 686; Gord Mead, 594; Carl Dorge, 573; Ladies: Marlene Harris, 613; Shirley MacEwan, 592; Marg Barnes, 553.

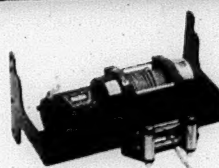
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MacEwan, 742; Marlene Harris, 700; Bineke DeJong, 684.

Bowlers Of The Month (March)--Robert Sutherland, Helen Stephens.

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New research offers explanation of why smokers look older

There's a new wrinkle in the old question of why smokers' faces are prematurely lined. A report in *The Lancet* medical journal this week suggests smoking switches on a gene involved in destroying collagen, the structural protein that gives skin its elasticity.

The link between smoking and wrinkles has been known for years, but scientists haven't worked out exactly how cigarettes age the skin. In the study, scientists from St. John's Institute of Dermatology in London found that the gene, one implicated in wrinkles from sunbathing, was highly active in smokers and silent in nonsmokers.

"It indicates that something in cigarettes is injuring skin in a similar way to sun, or at least through the same pathways," said Dr. James Leyden, a professor of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, who was not connected with the research. "I think it could be part of the story of smoking and skin."

The finding emerged by accident while the researchers were investigating whether the gene, known as matrix metalloproteinase-1, or MMP-1, gets more active when skin is exposed to artificial sunlight.

They exposed the buttocks of 33 people to artificial sunlight and tested how active the gene was before and after exposure to ultra violet rays. As that part of the body had not been exposed to sun, it allowed for the greatest change during the experiment.

The scientists were surprised to find that before going under the sun lamp, the

MMP-1 gene was very active in some bottoms, but undetectable in others. The researchers discovered the difference between the two groups was whether they smoked.

"When you smoke, there's extra activity in the lungs and that has a knock-on effect," said Gillian Murphy, a cellular biologist who studies MMP but was not involved in the research. "The lung is such a big organ that molecules from the tobacco smoke and the repair process get into the bloodstream and travel to the skin."

The effect on the skin may be similar to that from

sun exposure, she said. Collagen is part of a scaffold that includes elastin and a lubricant to keep skin intact. MMP-1 is one of a small group of enzymes that cells use to gently renew themselves. It breaks down collagen; other substances control its concentration, while some promote collagen building. The better the collagen structure, the better the skin, while assaults on the scaffold lead to wrinkles, experts say.

Sunbathing is the biggest known culprit. It causes oxygen damage and a mild inflammatory reaction in the skin, both of which stimulate the cells to crank out

more repair chemicals than normal. Levels of MMP-1 get particularly high.

Scientists believe part of the problem is that repeated stress disturbs the natural balance of those substances. It takes longer to build collagen structures than to break them down and eventually the collagen building can't keep up. Leyden said screwing up the face while smoking and pursing the lips to drag on a cigarette are also considered to contribute to premature wrinkling. Smoking has also been found to trigger oxygen damage to the cells and to mess up the blood flow to the skin.

Canada ranked as one of fastest growing markets for prescription drugs

Canadians bought nearly 291 million drug prescriptions last year at a cost of \$11 billion, making the country the seventh largest market for pharmaceutical sales in the world.

And the Canadian market was the second fastest-growing, with a 16 per cent increase over 1999 sales, the report from IMS Health showed.

Only Mexico grew at a faster rate. The United States is the world's largest prescription drug market, followed by Japan, Germany, France, Italy and Britain.

Canadian sales in 2000 average out to nine prescriptions per person, with an average cost of \$35.48 per prescription. In 1996, the average prescription price was \$29.64 and the average number of prescriptions filled was eight.

The data were contained in IMS Health's annual review of international trends in prescriptions and diagnoses.

A private company, IMS Health is a world leader in the provision of health information to the pharmaceutical and health-care industries.

High blood pressure remained the number 1 reason why Canadians visited the doctor in 2000.

The second leading cause was depression, which has been fourth on the list since 1995.

Psychotherapeutics, including antidepressants, were the second most frequently dispensed class of drug last year, after cardiovascular drugs.

The fastest growth was seen in anti-arthritis, which outpaced all other drugs growing at a rate of 23 per cent.

Seniors raise awareness of environmental issues and suggest changes

Older people don't just spout hot air when discussing environmental issues. That was more than evident at a national clean-air forum last fall which brought together seniors groups, environmentalists, health experts, auto industry officials and youth representatives.

Over the past four months, the forum's sponsor, Canada's Association for the Fifty-Plus, has pored through all the discussions and speeches. On Wednesday the association released several recommendations it hopes will motivate governments and other interests to dig into environmental concerns.

"A clean environment - air and water - and controlled climate are the birthright

of each and every Canadian," said Lillian Morgenthau, founder and president of the association also known as CARP, which represents about 100,000 Canadians over 50.

Among the recommendations is that Canada adopt the European model of pollution control, which focuses on reducing pollution by attacking direct sources such as factories and automobiles. The association also wants Canada to play a leading role internationally in reducing pollutants. "We tried to be very practical when we developed these recommendations," said association spokeswoman Judy Cutler, adding that they range from international to grassroots ways to better the environment.

The association also wants Ottawa to work with the auto industry to encourage the development of gas-efficient vehicles and a national clean-fuels strategy. It encourages all levels of governments to provide funding for public transit systems (as is done in other G-7 countries) and to create public awareness programs on environmental risks and ways to improve air quality.

Environment Minister David Anderson addressed a meeting of the association Wednesday, noting that the federal government is working on strategies to reduce Canadians' reliance on gas-fired lawnmowers and other small motors that cause pollution. Major pollution problems are caused by motors like the ones on lawn mowers, outboard boats and motorcycles, he said. "There will be reductions in emissions from household gasoline-powered products... such as lawn mowers and weed trimmers."

He also mentioned personal watercraft, saying "one hour of personal watercraft is probably equivalent to one year of a Honda Civic, in terms of impact on air pollution."

Morgenthau says that for older Canadians, the issues of clean air, clean water and climate change have special importance.

"These factors shape - or misshape - their health," and are related to rates of asthma, cancers and other illnesses.

Dr. Sheila Basur, Toronto's medical officer of health, told the forum that "there are hard facts to support the claims that polluted air is making Canadians sick, even killing them."

"While it has not yet been proven that air pollutants cause heart disease, asthma

or pneumonia, it is recognized that these chronic conditions can be seriously aggravated to the point of death by air pollutants."

Many forum speakers encouraged older people to push for change. Vancouver-based scientist and broadcaster David Suzuki said older Canadians can play a role similar to that played by elders in aboriginal communities.

"We can act as a generational bridge in our communities," said Suzuki. "We can remember the clean air, immaculate rivers and pristine countryside."

It's also hoped that future generations, who may not listen to environmentalists or scientists, will surely listen to their own grandparents."

The association says one way older people can push for change is to gain strength in numbers, such as forming a group like the U.S.-based Environmental Alliance for Senior Involvement. The alliance was founded through an agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an American seniors group.

The 20,000 volunteer alliance members work at the community level to develop environmentally friendly projects. "Older persons who participate in (alliance projects) are living longer, healthier, happier and more fulfilling lives."

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warding good behaviour, rather than punishing bad behaviour. In doing so, it helped the children and the dogs. The program fostered the development of trust, respect, empathy in the children, and helped them to gain a sense of purpose and accomplishment. The program also helped the dogs by making them easier to adopt, through child interaction training.

"Needy children responded well to the program because dogs give unconditional love," says Verger. "The trust they develop here helps them with subsequent interpersonal relationships. As they teach the dogs to improve their manners and change bad habits, they themselves gain confidence and learn how to improve relationships with others and cope with frustration."

Summer jobs part of Ontario government's strategy to help students find good careers

The Ontario government will invest \$53.1 million to help young people find work, or create their own business this summer as part of the Ontario Summer Jobs program.

Dianne Cunningham, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities announced recently, "Ontario is a leader in helping young people find work," said Cunningham.

"To strengthen our services to young people, Job Connect agencies participating in Ontario Summer Jobs are now providing free job-search and self marketing services to students all year, rather than just during the summer."

The Ontario Summer Jobs program will help at least 57,000 young people find jobs this summer -- more than twice as many jobs as in 1995.

This announcement took place at Datalcom Industries, a manufacturer of customized fiber optic, copper cable and electrical harnesses for the telecommunication, data, and electrical industries.

"Datalcom hired students from the Ontario Summer Jobs program for the first time last year," said Don Wetmore, general manager of Datalcom Industries Inc. "I was very impressed with the high level of skills, the

quality of their work - which is so critical to our company's reputation -- and the enthusiasm of the students we hired."

Ontario Summer Jobs, 2001 will help young people ages 15 and up find work, and will run from April to September.

The program offers a range of services including an incentive for businesses and community organizations to hire young people for up to 16 weeks, and encouragement to student entrepreneurs. Jobs are also available in Ontario government ministries and agencies.

In Northern Ontario, the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines will help

4,240 young people find jobs through Ontario Summer Jobs, 2001. The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs alone will help 4,500 young people find work in the agriculture, food and rural sectors.

Information on summer jobs is available at the Ministry's web site www.edu.gov.on.ca or the Ontario government's youthjobs.gov.on.ca site, and through the Training Hotline at 1-888-JOBGROW.

Ontario Summer Jobs, 2001 is part of the Ontario government's Youth Opportunities Ontario strategy.

The strategy promotes programs that invest \$211 million in services and jobs for young job seekers.

The Ontario Summer Jobs program combines programs offered by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities; Management Board Secretariat; the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade; the Ministry of Natural Resources; the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines; and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Bicycle Safety

by Constable Kathy Whyte/Centre Hastings

Bicycle collisions are a major cause of childhood and death. With the use of bicycle helmets and training, many injuries are preventable. Your child is a vehicle and your child is the driver.

Only bicycle helmets should be worn (as helmet specific to that sport). Make sure the helmet meets standards. After a collision, the helmets should be replaced. A proper fit is important. Examine your helmet frequently.

Common causes of collisions are riding out of control without stopping; running stop signs and traffic lights without yielding.

The Centre Hastings OPP detachment would like everyone to please remember the following: kids can't see out of the corners of their eyes as well as adults; kids often lack a sense of danger; kids have a harder time judging speed and distance of oncoming cars; kids' grownups will look after them.

With warm weather, bicycles will soon be everywhere. Please use caution and look out for our kids.

Canadian Forces failing in gender integration and employment equity

The Canadian Forces still gets failing grades in its efforts to integrate women, visible minorities and aboriginals, an advisory board reported. The report by the minister's advisory board on gender integration and employment equity said the military has a good employment equity plan. However, it flunks when it comes to implementation.

Harassment, intolerance and ignorance remain in the system, the board said, backing its contention with a series of anonymous quotes.

"Why shouldn't women be penalized for going on maternity leave?" groused one commander. "It's their choice and the rest of us have to pick up the slack while they're on leave."

"If they (visible minorities) don't want to abide by our traditions, they should never have come here," said an officer in Gagetown, N.B.

In the Commons, Defence Minister At Eggleton reacted angrily.

"I think those comments are absolutely appalling and they are absolutely unacceptable."

The minister said the remarks "do not represent what the vast number of men and women in the Canadian Forces believe."

"People are going to be expected to follow the values of the Canadian Forces in terms of their behaviour. They will be held accountable for doing that."

The military includes about 6,600 women in an authorized strength of 60,000 and an actual strength of about 58,000.

The board produced no figures on the number of visible minorities and aboriginals because there is no formal self-identification program to produce the data.

The report found: Women in some military jobs leave the Forces at rates two and even three times higher than male counterparts.

Recruiting women, minorities and aboriginals falls well short of targets, with only a third of expected women signing on and only a quarter of visible minorities.

Some members of the military displayed attitudes which "demonstrated ignorance at the least, and intolerance at the worst, of employment equity principles."

Even at Royal Military College in Kingston, which trains would-be officers, the board found that "few of the next generation of officers are knowledgeable about employment equity."

People are still fearful of reprisals for reporting harassment.

The board recommended a number of changes. It said the military should use community outreach programs to persuade minorities and aboriginals that the Forces aren't a hotbed of racism.

It suggested an employment equity curriculum for the military college and better education throughout the Forces.

On the attrition rate, it recommended exit interviews to find out why women leave.

Recruiters should be better educated, the report said. Recruiting jobs should be seen as career-enhancing positions.

The report saw problems in changing military culture. "The culture of the Canadian Forces relies on building solidarity through uniformity. Equity is seen as equality, and equality is seen as sameness."

The key is to shift the perception of "equity as sameness" to "equity as valuing differences."

Some soldiers fear that since employment equity may require doing things differently, it means doing things less reliably.

"Equity is about leveraging differences to create a stronger team, thereby enhancing operational effectiveness."

Lt.-Gen. Mike Jeffery, commander of the army, said it is difficult to change military culture, but it can be done.

"We haven't done anywhere near as well as we'd like to."

He added, though, that while it may be tough to change attitudes and ingrained values, "you can change behaviour and conduct."

The brass, he said, are determined to do so.

Generals are keen to recruit women and minorities for purely practical reasons, if nothing else. As the population shifts, the proportion of young, white males ebbs and the civilian economy skims the best and the brightest, so the military needs access to a wider pool of potential recruits.

Canada is one of the few countries which opens all military jobs to women. Some NATO countries ban women from combat. All but Norway bar them from the submarine service.

Maj. Suzie Bouchard, a Canadian officer on the NATO staff in Brussels, works on gender integration issues for an alliance committee.

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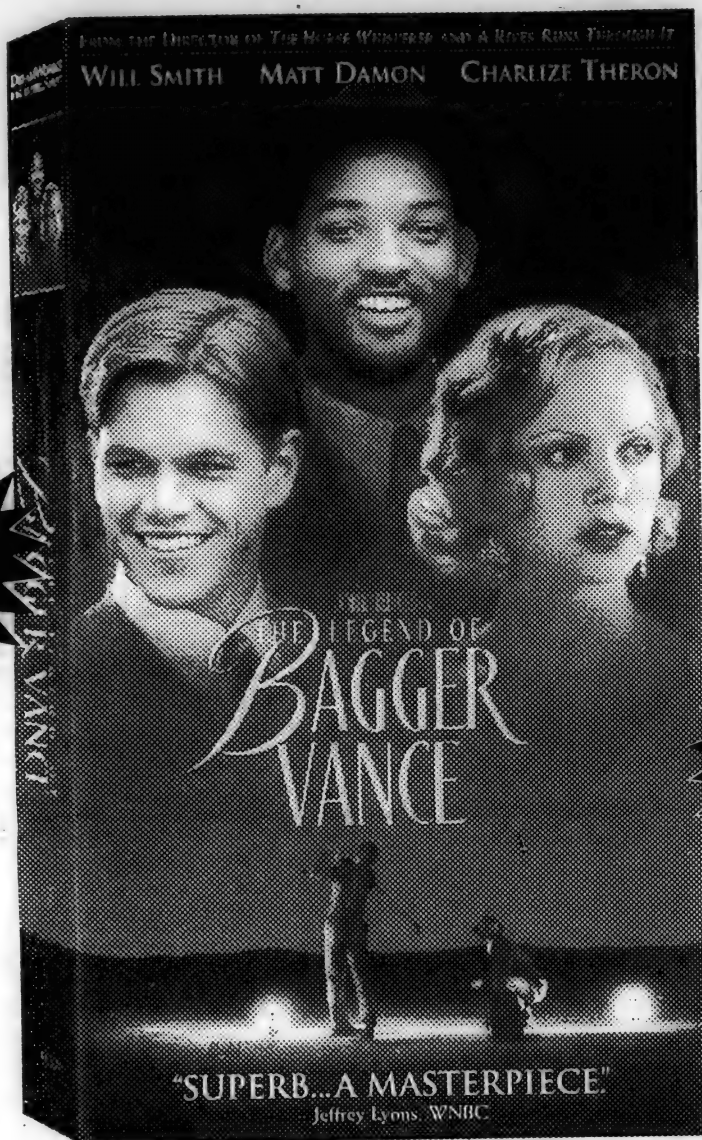
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Linda Holmes an employee at Foley's Flowers, stands with a display of traditional Easter Lilies. The store will be closed Good Friday but will be open Easter Saturday for shoppers. The store can be called at 473-2887. Photo by Aubrey Johnson

Happy Easter

The Easter lily (*Lilium longiflorum*) has long been associated with spring and the Easter season. The elongated, funnel-shaped flowers have orange stamens, are greenish white to pure white in colour and can measure 15 cm (6 in.) across.

The stems are up to 90 cm (3 ft.) tall, with many narrow dark green, pointed leaves emerging along their length.

Many regard the Easter lily as the symbol of the Virgin Mary, but its association with love and marriage predates the Christian era.

Roman mythology links it to Juno, the queen of the gods. The story goes that while Juno was nursing her son Hercules, excess milk fell from the sky.

Although part of it remained above the earth (thus creating the group of stars

known as the Milky Way), the remainder fell to the earth, creating lilies.

Because of their link with Christianity, lilies have long been used to decorate churches. During the Victorian era, however, the very conspicuous stamens and pistils were removed because they were seen as overt symbols of sexuality that might move the congregation to impure thoughts.

A Time to Rejoice

Easter is the time of springtime festivals, a time to welcome back the Tulips, the Crocuses and the Daffodils. It's a time of new suits, new dresses and patent leather shoes. And a time of chocolate bunnies, marshmallow chicks, and colored eggs!

This year Easter will be celebrated on Sunday April 15th, 2001. Orthodox Easter will also be celebrated on April the 15th.

Of all the symbols associated with Easter the egg, the symbol of fertility and new life, is the most identifiable. The customs and traditions of using eggs have been associated with Easter for centuries. Originally Easter eggs were painted with bright colors to represent the sunlight of spring and were used in Easter-egg rolling contests or given as gifts. After they were

colored and etched with various designs the eggs were exchanged by lovers and romantic admirers, much the

same as valentines. In medieval time eggs were traditionally given at Easter to the servants

Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair Results

The 41st annual Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair was held at the Quinte Mall in Belleville, Saturday April 7 from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

About 265 colourful, well researched projects from all over Hastings & Prince Edward Counties and from Grades 4 to senior High Schools were on display.

Over 450 students took part.

During the fair, students competed for honours and awards in many categories as they made presentations to the judges.

During the day, students were interviewed exten-

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Straw Houses?

Perhaps it would first be appropriate to explain what straw bale construction is.

To begin with, straw is defined as the stem of cereal grains left after the seed heads have been removed. The straw is then harvested and baled into the common two or three string bales.

The actual construction can be handled in a few ways, but in almost all cases the actual bale wall is raised off the ground to prevent moisture seepage, and the bales are skewered on to rebar, or bamboo, or sometimes plastic tie-downs are used.

The straw is used for the walls and can usually be assembled in a weekend, with no skilled laborers needed. The roof is usually a conventional wood frame, although there are thatched and sod roofs also used.

Benefits of Straw Bale

There are many benefits to building with straw, and even for those people who are not "environmentally conscious," like so many of us are in today's society, straw bale is still the way to go for energy-efficient, low cost, low maintenance housing.

Straw is a waste product, it can not be used for feed, like hay, and much of it is burned at the end of the season. By making use of this waste we save the air from pollution, as well as make use of an excellent insulator. Straw is completely sustainable as it can be grown in one season.

Straw is also biodegradable, another plus for the environment. As far as the building goes, it is easy to modify, and flexible enough

to be used in a variety of different ways, yet solid and sustainable, and durable over time.

It is easily maintained, and construction wise, it is affordable and easily acquired, plus there are no expensive tools required, and even unskilled laborers, even kids, and grandparents can help in the wall raising.

Straw is a forgiving form of building, and it encourages creativity.

It lets the owners get involved with the actual building of their own home, and it brings people together. Group wall raisings can build more than the walls of house in a community, like old time barn raisings.

Another one of the benefits to straw bale construction is the insulation value of straw bales. R-value is a measurement of how well a material insulates a home, the higher the R-value, the more effective the insulation.

Wood has an R-value of 1 per inch, brick is .2 per inch, and fiberglass batts are R-3.0 per inch.

The R-value of wheat and rice straw is approximately R-2.4 with the grain, and R-3.0 across the grain. This means that a standard three string bale (23 inches wide) has an R-value of 54.7, and laid on edge (16 inches wide) the value is 49.5 per inch.

A two string bale laid flat (18 inches wide) has an R-42.8, and on edge (14 inches) it has an R-32.1.

This is about three times better than the efficient wall systems of wood frame homes, and about five to ten times better than older homes, and the plaster

placed over the straw creates its R-value more.

However, for the greater benefit from this insulation, a well insulated roof and perimeter foundation should also be in place.

Air pollution seems one of those things we live with now, no-burn air quality, green house, ozone, just a few of the words to the vocabulary the last decade or so.

If all the straw left the harvest of major crops was baled instead of baled five million 2,000 square foot houses could be built year.

And all this time thought that timber was answer!

On Saturday, April 14th, Chris Magwood on hand at the Madoc Public Library to sign his "Straw Bale Building" he co-authored with Mack.

Chris is actively engaged in building straw homes, and hastens to mention that there are over 100 straw bale homes in Ontario with at least one in Madoc area.

Copies of his information book are available for free from the library and proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward Madoc Public Library fund.



Pictured at the signing with Chris Magwood are Madoc Public Library CEO Susan Smith and Anne Wickens with daughter Megan. Photo by Aubrey Johnson

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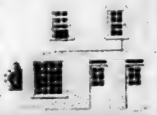
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Technology Fair Results

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sively during the first round of judging. First, Second, Third and Honourable Mentions, when warranted, were awarded to each group of five to nine projects.

A second round of judging was used to determine the best in each grade, specialty awards and the Canada Wide Science Fair awards.

The Canada Wide Science Fair Awards are of note because they include an all expenses paid trip to Kingston, Ontario, for 8 days. This is a value of \$1500.

Over 130 judges worked very hard during the day to both evaluate and encourage the students.

As part of the judging process, every student receives a written list of comments on how they might improve their future projects.

In addition this year, there was entertainment just prior to the awards ceremony, as Alan Bartholomew, author of Electric Gadgets and Gizmos, presented a display of battery-powered, buildable gadgets that go, made from everyday house-

hold items. Besides the judges, there are many people operating behind the scenes, all on a volunteer basis, to help the fair run smoothly.

Our Patrons and Major Sponsors provide enough funds to send our six qualifiers to the Canada Wide Science Fair, while our many supporters supply prizes in the form of cash, trophies and computer software. This fair is truly a community effort.

However, the central and most endearing part of this event is the enthusiasm of the students.

As soon as you ask many of them about their projects, it is like turning on a tap as all kinds of information comes forth.

Topic titles are always creative: Clone Zone, Deep Down Warm, Raining Fury, It's a Brick Flick, Roof Reinforcement and Candy Chromatography are some examples.

Winners of first place trophies were Jarrod Van Volkenburg and Bob & DeSnoo, Grade 4, of Frankford Public School

with their display entitled Combines at Work. Grade 5 winners from Frankford P.S. were James Kenny and Mike McMurter with their entry Clean That Water. Graham Wilcox and Travis Clarke, Grade 6 students from Stirling Senior School won with their entry Avalanches. Also from Grade 6 were Frankford P.S. students Ann-Marie Christie and Jennifer Clark with their presentation Suspended Solids. Daniel Dodds, Grade 6 and also from Frankford P.S. won with Best Bag for your Buck. Madoc Public School was represented by Maddy Maltby and Sam Butts of Grade 6 who entered Pump It Up.

From Stirling Senior Grade 7 came Travis Donaldson and Steven Penziwal with their winner Ice Power followed by Grade 7 student Justin Vanden Bosch of Foxboro P.S. with Road Salt.

Top Grade 4 Class Study Award, sponsored by My Science Project, was won by Frankford P.S. students Jarrod Van Volkenburg and Bob DeSnoo for their

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Government gives parents more say in education issues and advice

To improve parents' input into their children's education, the Ontario Parent Council (OPC) has been re-structured to include six regional representatives from school councils across the province. Education Minister Janet Ecker announced recently.

"Parents are key partners in achieving higher stand-

ards and raising student performance," said Ecker. "At the provincial level, through the OPC, parents provide valuable and greatly-appreciated advice on what's best for students. The OPC has been an important partner in our education reforms and I look forward to working with the new Council to ensure parents have a direct

and meaningful role at the provincial level in the education of their children.

"By including representatives from school councils on the OPC, we are acting on one of the recommendations of the former Education Improvement Commission and on what we have heard in consultations with hundreds of parents across

the province," Ecker said. "This is another step in our efforts to give parents, through their school councils, a more meaningful role in the education of their children and the stronger voice they have been asking for."

The new 20-member OPC continues to include a

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Cooper Wild Kids Takes The Central East Tournament with 6 Straight Wins

The Cooper Wild Kids travelled to Peterborough last weekend to participate in the Central East Hockey League end of season Tournament. They entered the tournament with 3 wins under their belt and had to play two more games. Saturday morning the girls played Cold Creek 2. The game started a little slow, but the girls finished with a BANG - scoring 4 unanswered goals late in the game. The momentum continued as they travelled to the next arena to take on the Port Perry Predators. As the stands filled up with fans, grandparents, parents and friends, the sound of the girls cheering and laughing below is one I will remember for a long time to come.

When the girls stepped on the ice to start the game, you could tell that the other team wanted to win to secure a spot in the final game. Both teams skated hard, but thanks to some outstanding goal tending by Lindsay Black the other team was shut down. Cooper's Andrea McAlarey had scored twice ending the game with a 2-0 victory over the Port Perry Predators.

The final game ended up being against the Port Perry Predators on Sunday April 1 at 10:30. THIS GAME WAS FOR ALL THE MARBLES - THE CENTRAL EAST CHAMPIONSHIP. Of course this was also April 1. The coach, Randy Gray, being a little distracted, forgot it was April Fool's Day. It started at about 7:45 a.m. when Bailey McCullough's mom, Lynda, called and said Bailey was sick and wouldn't be there either. The coach had it all figured out, until we told him that another player would be missing and that the girls were freaking out in the dressing room and that he should calm them down. As he headed for the dressing room, all the parents were snickering behind his back, knowing what he was about to step into. They had tortured him long enough and it was time to come clean. When he stepped into the dressing room and all the girls shouted APRIL FOOL's, the look on his face was priceless. Hey coach, maybe you'll be a little quicker next year.

The girls were really excited and ready to play hockey. They came out strong in the first period with Katelyn DeClair scoring assisted by Andrea McAlarey. The Cooper fans were all cheering, hoping for a victory. Then Andrea McAlarey scored to make it 2-0 for Cooper. Port Perry Predators were not down and out yet and came back to score 2 unanswered goals tying the game early in the third period. Andrea McAlarey broke away from the pack and scored again for he Cooper Wild Kids. Port Perry still wanted to win and played their best players trying for the tying goal. They pulled their goalie, called a time out, but Cooper managed to ward off a goal and won the tournament with six straight victories. They started the day with a practical joke on the coach and finished the day with the Championship Trophy. Way to go girls, you earned it!

It's almost over. The girls travel to Mississauga to participate in the OWA PROVINCIALS this upcoming weekend (April 19-22). We hope they have a positive experience and thoroughly enjoy the 3-storey waterslide at the StageWest Hotel, as well as win a few hockey games.

Good luck girls and have fun!

Local MPP's meet with Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board

MPP's Leona Dombrowsky and Ernie Parsons of Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox & Addington, and Hastings-Prince Edward respectively, met with representatives of the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board to find out more about the Board and its students, staff, programs and services.

Dr. Doug Galt, MPP for Northumberland, was invited to take part was unavailable.

The visit began at Centennial Secondary School, where Principal Catherine Glover and several students conducted a tour of the school's facilities.

As the Regional Centre for the Visual and Performing Arts, Centennial Secondary School has an art gallery and newly renovated theatre arts facilities.

The staff, library and science labs, which also support the school's commitment to be a great place to learn, were also featured on the tour.

Audrey Carter, Chair of the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board presented the Board's "A Great Place to Learn" Strategic Plan.

The final session, involving MPP's, Trustees and Senior Administration, with the Chair of the District School Council, and representatives from the Teach-

er's Federations, CUPE and the Ontario Principal's Council also in attendance, touched on issues of concern for the Board that could hamper the Board from continuing to offer its present level of programs and services.

In particular, the Board representatives detailed the impacts that the student based funding model will have on staff allocation, school facilities, transportation, reporting and accountability.

The concern is that these issues may adversely affect student learning.

"It is hoped that our elected representatives, now more fully aware of the Board's concerns, will continue to support the best possible opportunities for excellence in student learning to the legislature at Queen's Park," said Audrey Carter.

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The Canadian military is looking for a few good doctors and is willing to pay plenty for them. A \$225,000 signing bonus is part of a new campaign designed to replenish the Forces' dwindling pool of physicians.

Lt.-Col. Serge Gagnon, in charge of recruiting doctors, said the military has to offer that much because, despite offering salaries comparable to those in the civilian system, it's facing a medical staffing crisis. "We expect to lose 20 doctors next summer with only 12 coming to duty. That means we will be 54 short next summer."

The main reason is that the number of medical students willing to accept tuition in exchange for military service - the most common method used to recruit doctors - has declined over the past decade.

"They give two reasons for this," Gagnon said from his Ottawa office. "First, if they accept the deal, then they will have to take family medicine, and they're not sure yet if that's where they want to go. Second, they will probably marry professionals themselves, and they're concerned about their spouses' opportunities."

Gagnon said \$225,000 is roughly the amount the military spends to put one medical student through school.

Currently, three of four doctors leave the military as soon as their obligatory four-year service is done, placing more pressure on those who stay. "The work still has to be done and there are fewer hands to share it," said Maj. Marcie Lorenzen, head of ambulatory care at CFB Halifax's Stadacona Hospital.

"So instead of being on call every sixth week, you're on call every second week." She said CFB Halifax and 12 Wing Shearwater used to have 11 uniformed doctors between them to treat 7,600 military personnel; the number is now down to seven. Civilian doctors are brought in to help take up the slack.

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Harris talks about rural values and gov't policy



Mike Harris warns to Galt Task Force report.

Toronto - Sharing the province's success, helping rural youth find hometown jobs and building a strong infrastructure are the key in the Ontario government's "vision" of rural economic renewal.

That's what Premier Mike Harris said during a speech last week shortly after accepting the final report from Northumberland MPP Doug Galt's Task Force on Rural Economic Renewal.

The traditional small town values of "giving a neighbour a helping hand, sharing ideas and working together to resolve issues" have remained constant over the years but the small-town lifestyle hasn't Premier Harris said.

"People in rural Ontario are global citizens -- with global investments. They're internet savvy. They want to stay competitive in a constantly changing global economy and they're sophisticated and successful business people.

"What they sometimes lack, however, is opportunity," he said.

Mr. Harris said the Galt task force was created following talks he had with people in small towns who said their towns were not experiencing the same sort of growth that larger urban centres across Ontario were.

One of the goals of the task force, he said, was to "find ways to ensure that every part of Ontario shares in the province's strong economy."

"Some of their findings confirm trends that have been developing over a long time," Mr. Harris said. "For instance, (that) new technologies continue to help farmers become more efficient.

"Farming now employs

less than three per cent of Ontario residents yet the agri-food sector had a total GDP of \$9.2 billion in 1997.

"By contrast," he added, "the automobile sector accounted for \$16.8 billion."

Mr. Harris said some of the report's findings were surprising.

For the first time in 150 years, the rural population is expanding, he said.

"The internet has made it possible for people in rural communities to 'telecommute' to jobs in urban centres.

"Many baby boomers are moving to the countryside to retire or semi-retire."

This is a North America-wide trend, he pointed out.

"What the task force's reports clearly states is that we need a new approach to rural issues. We need a bold economic renewal strategy. And we need it now."

Mr. Harris says his government will be moving right ahead with two of the report's recommendations: a series of rural economic summits and "Resource Jump Teams."

Mr. Harris says they will meet with "everybody who has a stake in rural economic renewal to get feedback on the task force report and to collaborate on best practices and next steps."

He says the "Resource Jump Teams" have been used successfully in the United States. They are groups of professionals who "will help rural communities create more business-friendly environments.

"I believe we owe it to the hard-working people of ru-

ral Ontario to move quickly and decisively on the task force's recommendations," Mr. Harris said.

"I feel strongly about small-town Ontario because I'm from a small town. I know what it's like to live somewhere where people work hard, but have trouble getting ahead because the opportunities sometimes just don't seem to exist.

"I know how frustrating that can be. But I also know that people in rural communities have always stuck together. They look out for one another.

"It is that kind of closeness in small towns that I love," he said.

"All we need to do to help people in rural Ontario is give them an economic opportunity and they'll do the rest.

"We've already taken the first steps. We're responding to the task force report by creating opportunities right now. But more needs to be done."

Mr. Harris says they have to make sure "they create solutions that fit individual communities.

"Obviously, rural Ontario is too diverse for a one-size-fits-all solution," he says. "Micromanaging each community's economy is too costly and completely impractical.

"So the first part of our vision for rural economic renewal is this: we have to ensure that small communities benefit from Ontario's growth. We need modern solutions that fit the changing needs of the Ontario countryside."

Mr. Harris says that even though there are some award-winning success stories in rural economic development, some communities are still having difficulty creating opportunities even through a period of strong economic growth.

He says that last year 83.9 per cent of all job growth was in large urban centres (105,500 jobs in the GTA alone). In eastern On-

tario there were 6,300 jobs created, 48,500 in central Ontario, 19,200 in south-western Ontario and only 4,600 in northern Ontario.

"I believe there's even more we can do to help spread our job creation success throughout Ontario. We're going to start by con-

tinuing to attack the twin problems of duplication and red tape in small communities.

"I see the day when all parts of the province are free of costly and unnecessary duplication. Because integrating services -- and mak-

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Stewardship Council wants gov't. to reinvest in Environmental Farm Plan

Support for program is crucial: Chair

By Bill Freeman

Peterborough City. - The Peterborough County Stewardship Council wants the Ontario government to reinvest in the Environmental Farm Plan.

In a letter to Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Brian Coburn, Stewardship Council Chair Tony Kenny "implores" the Ministry to "consider the economic and ecological imperative of reinvesting in the program.

"As you well realize, reinvestment in an ongoing, proven and successful program is far more cost-effective and efficient in comparison to creating a new alternative delivery mechanism," Mr. Kenny writes.

Mr. Kenny says that over the past four years the Stewardship Council has "worked closely with many agricultural organizations supporting and building on the efforts of the Environmental Farm Plan."

There are almost 600 farms in Peterborough County that have participated in the program to date,

he said, adding that an "equal number have yet to benefit from the plan."

The Council, one of 40 across Ontario, "facilitate the wise use (or stewardship) of natural resources on private lands."

In Peterborough County, Mr. Kenny explains, its "primary mandate is to help local landowners maximize the economic, ecological and social (recreational) potential of their properties in a sustainable manner for the benefit of current and future generations."

This is done, he says, by bringing together a wide array of resource organizations and landowner groups to "promote, support and demonstrate the value of using our soil, water wetlands, wildlife, woodlands and other natural resources wisely."

Mr. Kenny says that Peterborough County, with a permanent population of around 140,000 residents, has developed a strong reputation as a tourist destination supporting "vibrant cottage,

Lots of people deserve recognition for Rebels' excellent hockey season

Campbellford - The Campbellford junior C Rebels ended the 2000/2001 season with a double overtime loss in the seventh and deciding game of the Empire League championship series in Nanawake at the hands of the Raiders.

The sixth game in Campbellford was also a double overtime game won by Campbellford. The team would have liked to have played "one more game--one more series," but this was not to be.

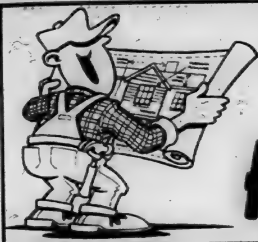
The executive is generally pleased with the season. The aim was to have a disciplined team on the ice. Rebels were the lowest penalized team in provincial junior C hockey. The team also wanted to pay all the bills as they come in.

"We were fairly successful in this area also," said team executive Bob Reid. "To date there are no outstanding bills. Now it's time to try to thank the businesses and people who made the season successful. I apologize to anyone we may have inadvertently missed."

The executive wishes to extend its appreciation to the following: "Thanks to the sweater sponsors--Nicholson Brothers, Giant Tiger, La France Sod, Eagle Airfield Equipment, Campbellford Chrysler, Campbellford Wholesale, Dooher's Bakery, Beamish Carpet, Perfect Print, Allanson Bus Lines, Subway, Van Huizen Carpet, D. J. Frederick and Sons, Canadian Tire, Pine Ridge Golf Club, Sharpe's IGA, Knechtel Foodland, Legion Branch 103, Ken's Auto Repair, Rona Cashway.

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Home renovation is the ideal time to improve energy efficiency

(NC)—If you're planning renovations or home improvements this year, now is the perfect time to evaluate just how efficiently your house uses energy.

Energy efficiency upgrades are usually more cost-effective if they are done at the same time as renovations. In addition, they improve your home's comfort and safety, and can increase its resale value.

If you're unsure of where your biggest heating losses are occurring, or if you simply don't know where to begin, take advantage of a program called EnerGuide for Houses, developed by the Office of Energy Efficiency (OEE) at Natural Resources Canada (NRCan).

When you call the 1-800 number below, operators will provide you with the number of the EnerGuide for Houses service agent in your area. You can ask them to send an advisor to visit your home and make a walk-through



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levels, heating, hot water and ventilation systems, and performing an air leakage test.

the advisor uses a computer simulation program to estimate your home's present and potentially improved energy usage. You'll then receive a written report that shows where your energy losses are occurring. The report will also have specific recommendations on where best to start with energy-saving renovations.

The report gives you the "big picture" so you can plan

renovations ahead of time and decide which improvements you want to make and when. The EnerGuide for Houses label rates your home's energy efficiency and can be displayed on the electrical panel in your furnace room.

Although there is a fee for the evaluation, energy efficiency can be seen as a short- and long-term investment: improving your home's en-

ergy use will mean a warmer and more comfortable home now and lower fuel bills in the future.

For the name of an energy service company in your area, call 1-800-387-2009. For more information about the EnerGuide for Houses Program and how it can be with your home renovation plans, or visit the EnerGuide for Houses Web site at <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/energuid>

Small changes make a big difference

(NC)—Do you want to upgrade the look of your kitchen? Have you spent hours looking at the latest trends and products in home magazines, only to find that your modest budget doesn't cover your big ideas?

Don't despair. You can transform your kitchen to look just as good as a magazine spread, by focusing on just a few key details.

Nancy Mullan, a certified kitchen designer (CKD), creates luxurious kitchens, choosing from a wide range of high-end appliances, surfaces and fixtures. New cabinets, countertops, appliances and floors make dramatic changes, but are the most expensive purchases.

Mullan points out that smaller appointments and accessories can add flair to the kitchen. She offers these suggestions:

Redo your plain

backsplash with new glass or ceramic tiles. Or paint your existing cabinets a new color. These options are less expensive than installing new cabinets, yet they increase the resale value of your home and give a fresh, new look.

Change the type of lighting you use to give your kitchen a dramatically different appearance. "Eliminate fluorescent light bulbs and replace them with Halogen lights to bring out the colors in the room and give a more natural look," says Mullan. "Pay attention to the placement of task lighting above sinks or other heavy-use areas."

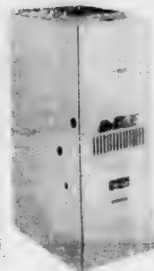
Upscale metal-look finishes aren't limited to major appliances.

Stainless steel sinks are always popular, and kitchen faucets are offered in unique brass and nickel finishes. These metal motifs can be

repeated in lighting fixtures, cabinet handles and drawer pulls throughout the kitchen. "There are many new finishes that can coordinate with both traditional and contemporary styles," says Mullan. "Nickel finishes work equally well with wood floors and cabinets in

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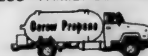
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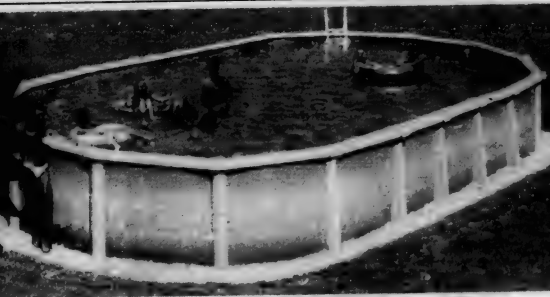
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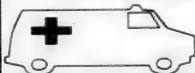
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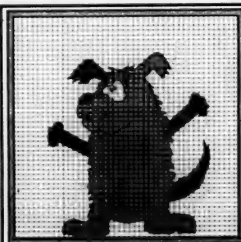
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**What should you do with water
runoff from your eaves troughs**

by Jean-François Gagnon

(NC)—Did you know that water runoff from eaves troughs that are located less than 5 feet from a wall of a house increases the risks of sending the dampness into the house, and thereby possibly reducing the comfort level in your home? And did you know that soil that is too moist following autumn rainfalls can cause substantial cracks and breaks in the foundation if the following winter is very cold and leaves little snow on the ground? Such situations may easily be avoided, however. Here is some wise advice to guide you...

How to prevent this situation

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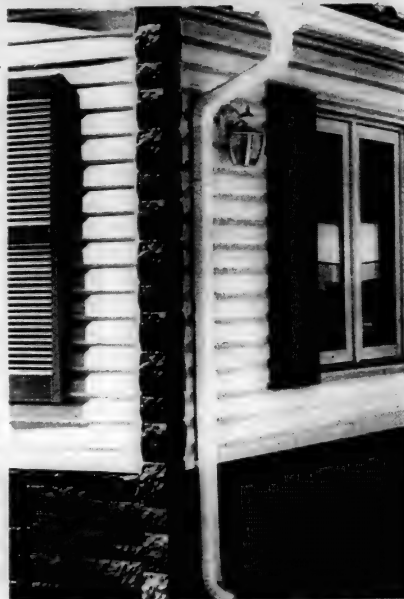
- you can't connect your eaves troughs to one of the house's storm sewers.

- you don't have any storm sewers.

- connection to the storm sewer is too complex and costly, minimal, localized digging to install a rainwater basin is an excellent alternate solution. To do so, you will have to allow for a distance of over 10 feet from a wall of the house, then dig a hole that is 4 feet in diameter by

5 feet deep, and place a barrel inside it. Next, pierce a hole in it, cover it with geotextile so that the earth doesn't go inside it and fill it with big rocks or crushed stones over 3/4 inches net. After that, place 5-6 inches of crushed stone all around in order to stabilize the barrel in the hole and allow the water to run off.

And lastly, prepare your connection from the barrel in order to link up the eaves trough downspout using a French drain pipe, which will allow you to connect the downspout of the eaves trough to the barrel. Take note that you can get an adapter that adjusts onto the eaves trough in order to connect up to the French drain. And last but not least, it is advisable that you make sure the upper part of the barrel is located at a depth of at least 18 inches underground, thereby providing the slope required to ensure water runoff from the eaves trough toward the barrel.


Essential tools for home improvement

(NC)—While your home may be your castle and an escape from today's hectic world, it's probably not perfect. Decorating styles change.

There are pictures to hang and shelves to install. Things break.

It's too pressing to ignore, but too minor to engage a professional.

The question becomes one of where to begin.

Start with a good how-to book.

With knowledge in hand, it's a good idea to have a basic set of tools. When choosing yours, experts advise that you buy the best quality you can afford. Good tools can last a lifetime and help you get results like the pros, while poor ones tend to break, causing frustration, and can even damage your hard work.

A hardware or home center professional can help guide your selections. Here

are the top ten tools that home experts say should be in every toolbox:

1. Toolbox — Start with a sturdy, latching container that can protect your tools and keep them together and ready to go.

2. Safety goggles — Protecting your safety is the first step in any do-it-yourself project.

3. Screwdrivers — Start with a couple sizes of both flat blade and Phillips types.

4. Hammer — Choose a standard, 16-ounce claw hammer that will be heavy enough to accomplish most tasks and light enough to handle easily.

5. Metal tape measure — Choose one with a shock resistant case in a bright color that can be easily spotted in the toolbox. For added convenience, get one with a built-in voice recorder to keep track of your measurements.

6. Slip-joint pliers with

wire cutting jaw.

7. Adjustable wrench.

8. Utility or box knife.

9. Drill — This is the one power tool that's a must.

10. Stud finder. Whether you're hanging a picture or doing a major remodel, a stud finder can be worth its weight in gold.

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Basic rules for making the right choice in selecting an additional air conditioner

by Jean-François Gagnon (NC)—To purchase an air conditioner that will give you full satisfaction, three factors must be taken into consideration:

- the size of the area to be cooled;
- the length of time that the room to be cooled is exposed to the sun. Rooms located on the south and west sides are harder to cool because of the strength of penetration and duration of the sun's rays inside the house;
- the insulation of the walls and windows. If the house is over 25 years old, it may not have enough insulation and will consequently require a more powerful air conditioner.

Remember that an air conditioner offers the great advantage of dehumidifying a room while cooling it.

A few technical clarifications:

- the output of an air conditioner is measured according to the number of BTUs per hour (British Thermal Units produced per hour);

• the air conditioning units generally available on the market are 6,000 BTU/H, 8,000 BTU/H and 10,000 BTU/H. A 6,000 BTU/H unit covers a p-

proximately 250 square feet; a n 8,000 BTU/H, 330 square feet; and a 10,000

BTU/H, 420 square feet, which represents 24 BTU/H per square foot to be covered, taking into account an 8-foot-high ceiling (for a 12-foot-high ceiling, you have to count 36 BTU/H per sq. ft.).

Operation tips

• In order to extend the life of the air conditioner, it is preferable not to use an extension cord when plugging in the unit; however, if you can't do without one, it is highly advisable that you

use the shortest extension cord possible, and not one having a mini-

mum gauge of 14, with grounding.

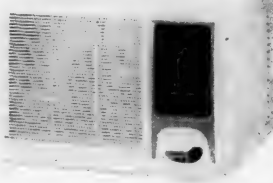
• In the case of a bedroom air conditioner, it is preferable to opt for a unit with 8,000 BTU/H, rather than 6,000 BTU/H, and to let it run on low speed, so that

you will be able to considerably reduce the noise and the operating time.

• If you want to cool a number of rooms that are not standard shape, it is preferable that you install a number of air conditioners with 6,000 or 8,000 BTU/H and that you install them at various locations, in order to make sure that the fresh air is being well distributed through the rooms. This solution is more efficient than installing only one single but very powerful air conditioner, such as a 10,000 BTU/H in a central location in relation to the rooms concerned.

New air conditioning model

In addition to window units, there is a new upright model that requires a connection to the outside, via an exhaust hose; however, this model provides only medium-range power, as it does not exceed 8,000 BTU/H.



Monsters in the basement: Battling the evil forces of moisture and mold



(NC)—Moisture problems in your house are detrimental to your family's health and the durability and resale value of your home.

Large-scale health surveys in Canada have confirmed a strong correlation between dampness and mold and respiratory disease in children. Furthermore, warm, moist air leaking through walls can condense and cause deterioration including, peeling paint, spalling bricks, as well as, buckled or rotting siding. While ruining the appearance of your home, moisture damage will also reduce its ultimate resale value.

What can be done? Moisture and mold — the monsters in your basement — can be overcome with the help of insulation. Problem areas of your home such as basement walls that are uninsulated or poorly insulated can be improved simply by adding insulation.

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Trout fishing even in a tank takes patience

Flinton : One of the main attractions for children attending the 5th annual Frontenac Addington Trappers Council workshop and outdoor fair was the fish for live trout tank. It took a certain amount of patience as seven-year-old Thomas Gray of Mountain Grove demonstrates while his dad Wayne looks on.

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Farm ownership transition will impact business

By Peter Coughler
Nurse shortages. Teacher shortages. Professor shortages. But what about farmer shortages?

It probably won't happen anytime soon but there are certainly a number of changes and transitions related to the demographics of farm operators that will take place over the next few years.

Certainly, the "baby boomer cohorts" (a phrase coined by Dr. David Foot) impact is beginning to be felt in society, the economy and business.

Farm businesses are certainly starting to feel this effect. Some estimates indicate

that upwards of 30,000 Ontario farm businesses will change ownership during the next 10 to 15 years. These family-held farm businesses are worth between \$13 and \$15 billion dollars. This ownership change will have a tremendous impact upon the rural economy and rural communities.

Planning for these changes is very important. If the farm family doesn't plan in advance, there is real potential for significant erosion of capital through tax and legal costs along with poor financial decisions.

This is not to mention the emotional strain placed on the farm family. Because of

the deep-rooted feelings of legacy and tradition within many farm families, succession tends to be a very stressful process. However, in comparison to non-farm family businesses, farms appear to stay more frequently within family.

Only about 30 per cent of non-farm family businesses transfer to a second generation. On the other hand, family farms have a five to six times greater likelihood of being transferred to successive generations within the family. There are both economic and non-economic reasons for this trend.

Co-Operative Plan

It is the key that farm families work together and communicate their goals, objectives and expectations. In doing so, they take the first critical step in the succession planning process.

There is another critical item facing farm families about succession—they feel alone. However, they are not the only ones facing these same issues. This is evident from the above statistics.

In an attempt to try and alleviate some of these concerns, a new seminar series is being held across Ontario. The "Planning the Future" seminars were developed cooperatively by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), Farm Mutual Financial Services Inc. and Durward, Jones Barkwell and Company LLP—Chartered Accountants of St. Catharines.

The seminars provide an opportunity for farm families to see and understand the various components and the critical issues that must be addressed during the development of a farm succession plan. This is regardless of

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Small changes

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Plenty of people to thank for Rebels great season

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Thanks to all the businesses and people who supported us by advertising in the official game program. Without the above two fundraisers we would not have survived. Thanks again.

Thanks to the Kinsmen and Legion Branch 103, long-time supporters of the Rebels as well as the Lions Club and other people and organizations who wish not to be mentioned.

Thanks to Gordie Allanson and his bus drivers for the safe and excellent bus service throughout the season.

Thanks to Rolly Ethier for his excellent coverage and photos all season, but then Rolly is a long-time hockey writer and fan.

Thanks to the people behind the scenes—honest and dedicated people—Darlene, Gail, Ruth, Joanne, Gino, Wilf as well as Sue and her "puck kids". No organization can survive without these unsung heroes.

Thanks also to the parents of the players—for their support and the loan of their sons throughout the past season.

Thanks to the Arena

Board for helping with the hourly ice costs (can we do better next year?); to Doug Peters and the staff at both the Campbellford and Warkworth arenas for their service.

Couches

Thanks to coaches Tom Tanner and Ed Stapley and the trainers Jeff Fleming and Jeff Doucette for their time and devotion to a game they love.

Thanks to all the faithful supporters—some who never missed a game all season. Fans like you are such a valuable asset.

Finally thanks to all the players. The team was very fortunate to have the 20-25 young men who contributed to the Rebels' success the past season. Thanks to them all. You were a credit to your parents.

Not only did these young men play hockey here but they also participated in numerous community and charity ventures. The Rebels have a Thanksgiving food drive where the town was canvassed, producing five truck loads of food. The club was awarded the "best par-

ticipation award" at last year's cardboard boat races.

On the Polar Bear weekend four members of the team took the plunge and most of the others on the team skated with the public and signed autographs, especially for the minor hockey kids. This was the largest turnout ever.

A final financial statement is not available yet. But we should finish in the black. All the bills were paid on time and almost all our business was conducted in the area.

Lastly, a goodbye to two of our long time crowd favourites, Anthony Davies has been a long-time Rebel who has sometimes played under difficult situations. He tied for the league scoring title this past year. Kevin (Corky) Cork, the captain the past few years, spent five years devoting his time and efforts to the Rebels. He tied Anthony for the league scoring title. Thanks for the memories. Next year leaves a big hole for us to fill.

Rebels' Club Executive
(Jim Peeling, Elton Ellis, Glen Craig, Yogi Branhany, Gerald Free, Barry Brown, Bob Reid.

Farm plan defended

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resort and recreational industries.

"The unfortunate circumstances... surrounding Walkerton, and the increasing public and producer interest in nutrient management, clearly demonstrates the tremendous need for, and benefit of, farm stewardship assistance programs such as the Environmental Farm Plan.

"Clean drinking water is a fundamental prerequisite for agricultural production, affordable infrastructure, sustainable wildlife habitat and recreation," he says.

"The Environmental Farm Plan is one of the few programs that has consistently contributed to rural water quality improvements and related benefits in our County."

The Stewardship Council provides financial and technical aid to local farmers who are "attempting to reduce the impacts in their farm operations on our increasingly precious groundwater and surface water supplies," Mr. Kenny says.

He says that as a "condition of Council support" farmers must first complete a comprehensive property analysis that has "become the cornerstone of the Environmental Farm Plan."

Mr. Kenny also says that farmers must complete improvements that have been identified in the Farm Plan, using the \$1500 program allocation, before the Stewardship will commit further resources to them.

"The Environmental Farm Plan has become the most widely supported and accepted farm assistance program in our region," Mr. Kenny stressed. "It is a program created by farmers, for farmers."

"We are doing the best at the local level to stimulate sustainable farm practices that contribute to our local economy, society and environment," Mr. Kenny told the Minister.

He says it is the Council's "sincere hope that you will renege and support" the Environmental Farm Plan.

"In doing so, you will ensure that farming in Ontario remains a vibrant, responsible, pro-active and prosperous sector of our rural economy."

"The Environmental Farm Plan is one of the few programs that has consistently contributed to rural water quality improvements and related benefits in our County."

"The Farm Plan has become the most widely supported and accepted farm assistance program in our region."

Tony Kenny
Chair

Peterborough County Stewardship Council

School Council notes from NDIS-NDHS

By Marg VanWill

Asphodel-Norwood - A short parent council meeting followed by a parent-teacher "open house" was held March 22.

The Council meeting, opened by President Sharon Stanley, focused on setting topics for the April meeting.

On the agenda for the April 19 meeting will be a discussion of the "Code of Conduct" and "Dress Code" as pertains to Norwood High students.

Special to the meeting will be a presentation by NDHS Justin Tighe on his experience in the Antarctic during the Christmas break doing research with fellow high school students from across Canada.

Justin's presentation will begin at 7 pm followed by the parent council meeting.

All are welcome.

Havelock heavy hitters take steady aim at the pins

By Eileen Young

Hastings - On April 2, the Hastings 5 Pin Bowlers Association did their usual thing on the bowling lanes. It seemed to be a better week than usual for quite a few.

We start off with Kathy Petty who had one good game anyway of 213, Marg Greenly with a game of 203, Ma Hummel, who had her husband along as inspiration, bowled a terrific 194, Sandy Toms had 181, Marie Kirby had an excellent game of 167, Eileen Young, who was at last year's ATL (American Income Life) Canada's Association Executive Championship, showed her old form by bowling games of 204, 211 and 273 for a triple of 688 and K. Messacar, who is in this year's Ontario 5 Pin Bowls Association Team Tournament and last year's "Open" sponsored by Sidney L. Morris and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, bowled a 205.

Ann Hutton had a game of 221, Julie Norbury a 21, Judy Ellidge a great 216 and 215 and triple of 514, Dore Playne had a 205, Carole Trumble bowled a 170, JoAnn McParlan had great games of 201 and 218, Gerri Greenwood had a great 207 and a super 288 and a fantastic trip of 638.

Heather Pflanzner, who was in last year's Bowling Priests Association national Classified and Score Goals Points Holiday Classic, had a great game of 226 and Cat McMillan did pretty good with her games of 196 and 2 and an unmentionable.

Farm ownership transition

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whether the plan is to transfer the farm business onto the next generation or sell it to an outside buyer. Both are succession—one of the family and one of the business.

Some of the critical issues that are investigated during the seminar include business and family crossover, family dynamic issues, moving through goal setting and decision making; along

with some conflict management techniques. Some of the technical issues, such as financial and investment planning, tax and legal considerations, are addressed by local professionals.

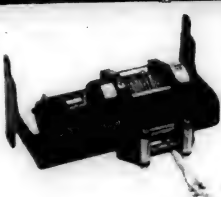
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Premier talks rural policy

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ing it easier to use the resources already available -- will ultimately attract new businesses to rural areas."

Mr. Harris also says they need to follow the lead of metro areas and "identify ways (to) cut red tape in rural Ontario."

"When we can provide everyone -- in every part of the province -- with the same opportunities and the same efficient services, jobs will follow."

"That's the kind of future that I foresee for those entrepreneurs who want to succeed in rural Ontario," he said.

"I see communities that will be magnets for energetic, motivated young people who want to build bright futures. And young people are key to the second part of our vision for rural economic renewal because if we're going to help rural economies, we're going to have to stop the rural 'youth drain.'"

Mr. Harris says the Galt task force found that some small towns have a difficult time keeping young people between the ages of 15 to 24.

Often, young people who leave town for education or training never come back. We can, and must, stop that trend."

Mr. Harris says he sees a day when these young people stay in their hometowns and become leaders of their communities.

"To solve the youth drain we must do a better job of communicating the training opportunities that already exist to them," he says.

Local internship programs, rural training boards, businesses and schools "need to continue to work together to identify needs, implement programs and advertise opportunities."

"I believe our young people want training close to home and we need to make sure they get it."

"Our young people deserve the best start in life we can give them. The best schools. The best health care. A clean environment. But if we want to give them these things -- and if we want rural towns and communities to prosper -- we're going to have to get serious about fixing the backbone of the province."

"And we're going to have to get serious about infra-



Doug Galt's task force on rural economic renewal delivered its report last week.

structure," Mr. Harris said citing the third "key area" of his government's rural economic renewal.

"Without adequate facilities for water, without safe roads and without the latest and the best in communications equipment, small communities could lag behind. Municipalities and regions need to find creative new approaches to providing essential services if they want to maximize their potential for growth."

"Rural communities," Mr. Harris says, "are going to have to work together to set priorities and integrate planning."

"They must find new ways to build infrastructure and develop partnerships with the private sector so they can compete and win in the constantly changing global economy."

"In other words, communities must make tough choices."

Mr. Harris spoke of his government's "Smart Growth" economic strategy for both rural and urban communities.

"Smart growth doesn't just happen, it comes from setting priorities -- when to build, how much to build and when to build and where to build."

"And if we want economic growth, while protecting our environment, while allowing people flexibility and freedom to make their decisions, we have some tough choices to make. But I'm determined to make those choices, just like I always have been because I'm determined to see our children inherit a province with clean air and clean water; that is as efficient, as strong and as prosperous as possible."

Mr. Harris says this means studying the extension

of the 400 series of highways "so rural communities and businesses benefit from access to transportation corridors."

He also says it means opening up the electricity market to competition "while guaranteeing a safe, affordable and reliable supply."

"These steps we've already taken to help rural economic renewal. But there is more to do," Mr. Harris says.

"We need to keep asking tough questions. We need to keep thinking about the future -- for ourselves and for our children. We need to keep looking after one another (and) to make sure that the success of the few doesn't come at the expense of the many."

"We need to make sure that opportunity knocks on every door in every town and city across Ontario."

"What benefits one part of the province, benefits us all," Mr. Harris said.

"When we share resources and ideas with one another; when we work together to resolve our challenges; when we help everyone -- in every part of the province to take advantage of economic opportunities; we're building a better future for everyone."

St. Mary's School fundraiser

Have you ever wanted to visit Disney World, spend a relaxing weekend fishing or swimming, win a beautiful print for your home or a new item for the home?

St. Mary's School in Campbellford is starting its 4th annual fundraising event Thursday, March 29th. The grand prize is a trip for two to Disney World or a \$3,000 travel voucher to a destination of your choice.

First prize is a weekend family getaway to Hi-Lo Lodge on the Trent River, including a food basket courtesy of Sharpe's IGA. Second prize is a Kierstead print courtesy of Campbellford's Gifts and Jewellery. A \$200 gift certificate from Bennett's Home Furnishings is the third prize.

Tickets are being sold by eager St. Mary's students. The draw will be held May 1st, 2001 at 1 p.m. in St. Mary's auditorium. (Submitted by Geoff Linton and Shauna Durkin, Grade 8 students).

Peterborough driver charged

The OPP Central Region Traffic Management Unit officer observed a south-bound Dodge Neon on County Road 28 travelling at a high rate of speed Friday, March 30th. The vehicle was pulled over and the driver admitted to alcohol consumption several hours earlier.

A roadside breathalyzer was administered and the driver failed the reading. Bryan John Herr, 31, of Peterborough was subsequently charged with the dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and being over the .08 mgs limit.

Marmora & District Lions Club thanks community

Marmora -- The Municipality of Marmora and Lake has now assumed responsibility for the upkeep and operating costs of the Dr. Crawford Community Centre, known as the "Lions Hall", from the Marmora and District Lions Club.

The hall will remain the home of the Marmora & District Lions however all bookings should now be directed to arena management. This will allow the Lions Club to use all of the money is raises to be used for do-

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Domestic Assault
Police responded to a domestic incident at a Brighton residence April 2nd. A woman reported being assaulted by her 28-year-old common-law husband in their home. The woman did not require medical attention. The man was arrested for assault and held in custody.

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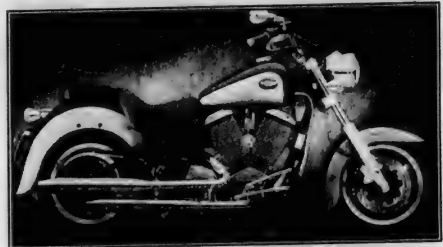
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Marmora & District Lions Club thanks community

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nations and community service. Donations so far this year include: Marmora Red Cross swim program, Children's Wish Foundation, Mobility Aids (seniors), school drug program, Youth Outreach, Marmora Cubs and Scouts, Salvation Army, children's Christmas party, Curl for Kids, Marmora Skating Club, Marmora Curling Club, Canada Day and, most recently, \$1,000 to Sno-Fest, \$500 to Army cadets, \$500 to Marmora Senior School for band equipment, \$500 to minor hockey and \$2,170 for a local dialysis patient.

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Drug companies urged to manufacture lower-dose pills for seniors

Drug companies should make more of their products in smaller doses so older patients don't have to split pills, researchers said in the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

A study at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care in Toronto found that in a one-month period in 1998, 35.4 per cent of the 370 nursing home residents received at

least one split pill.

And 15.7 per cent received two or more split pills to comply with prescribed therapy.

The pills most frequently split were cardiac drugs, and psychotropic drugs for the mind.

In an overwhelming number of cases, the pills had to be split because they weren't manufactured in

low-dose formulations.

"Pill splitting is a concern because it can lead to inaccurate dosing that may limit the pill's effectiveness," wrote Baycrest's Dr. Paula Rochon and other researchers in a letter published in the journal.

They also urged provincial drug plans to provide coverage for lower dose medications that aren't currently funded.

Supreme Court to hear constitutional challenge of marijuana laws

Canada's highest court agreed Thursday to hear claims by three convicted pot smokers that federal marijuana laws are unconstitutional because the drug is harmless.

The appeal covers two separate cases, one in Ontario and one in British Columbia, involving Chris Clay of London, Ont., and David Malm-Levine of Vancouver and Randy Caine of Langley, B.C. Clay, 31, the former operator of a hemp boutique in London, Ont., was convicted in 1997 of drug possession and trafficking charges for selling cannabis to an undercover police officer.

Last June, the B.C. Court of Appeal ruled 2-1 to uphold marijuana possession convictions against Malm-Levine and Caine.

At Clay's original trial, Ontario Superior Court Justice John McCarth admitted he was convinced marijuana was harmless and caused no serious mental or physical damage.

But the judge ruled it would be up to Parliament to determine what's illegal and said the drug charges didn't infringe on Clay's constitutional rights.

That prompted Clay and lawyer Alan Young to seek leave to appeal their case to the highest court in the land. As is customary, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for its decision.

The case has become a flagship for marijuana users - many of whom sing the praises of the drug's medicinal qualities - who want to see pot legalized.

"This is something all Canadians should welcome,"

Young said.

"Finally, we're going to get the highest court in the land to rule on whether or not Parliament has the constitutional authority to prohibit harmless conduct on pain of criminal sanction."

Throughout their case, which was rejected by the Ontario Court of Appeal in October 1999, Young has argued that marijuana has no more ill health effects than many of the foods people eat.

Crown lawyers have countered that the absence of scientific proof of marijuana's harmful effects does not mean the drug can be considered completely safe.

Nonetheless, since Clay first launched his challenge, Ottawa has implemented extensive testing on the medicinal effects of marijuana, including allowing a host of Canadians with serious illnesses to use the drug for medicinal purposes.

The federal government

first gave permission for the cultivation and use of marijuana for medical purposes in June, granting special exemptions to Jim Wakeford of Toronto and Jean-Charles Pariseau of Vanier, Ont., both of whom have AIDS.

Supporters of Clay's case hope Canada will eventually adopt the same policies that exist in some parts of Australia, where people caught with small quantities of marijuana pay a fine, but get no criminal record.

The appeal could touch on a host of other criminal activities - gambling and prostitution, for instance - that Young maintained are illegal simply because they're considered socially unacceptable.

"The implications extend far beyond marijuana, but marijuana is the best-case example," he said.

"There's a great deal of empirical evidence demonstrating the relative harmlessness of the substance."

Bank of Canada Positive on Economic Prospects

Canada's economic outlook for this year and next is positive despite worries about the slowdown in the United States and mixed signals from economic data, according to the Bank of Canada Governor David Dodge.

"As we look ahead through this year and into the next, we remain positive about the prospects for the Canadian economy," Dodge said in the prepared text of a speech to the Montreal Society of Financial Analysts. "But, given the uncertainties, we will continue to closely monitor developments at home and abroad," he said.

The new central bank governor, who started his job last month, said the main near-term uncertainty related to the abruptness and extent of the slowdown in the U.S. economy. "The fact that the recent economic data for North America are mixed adds to this uncertainty. While these data confirm a slowing in the pace of activity, some have come in weaker, and some stronger, than expected," Dodge said.

He said some recent positive indicators in the United States gave hope that the end of the slowdown was near, and that economic growth there would rebound in the last half of 2001. He said the immediate future for Canada did not look as positive, with growth in the first quarter of this year expected to be slower than it was in the final quarter of 2000. He said the central bank's recent reductions in interest rates, combined with rising disposable incomes due partly to recent tax cuts, should support Canadian economic expansion in the second half of this year.

Ontario government strengthens its support to the voluntary sector

Ontario's 2.9 million volunteers received a boost recently from the Ontario government to mark the International Year of Volunteers (IYV). Forty-seven Community Volunteer Summits headed the list of volunteer initiatives announced by Cam Jackson, Minister of Citizenship.

The province-wide Community Volunteer Summits will be hosted by community organizations, bringing together business, the voluntary sector and government to share ideas and discuss ways in which they can work together on local priorities to make life better for everyone in their community.

"Personal commitment to making a difference is important to millions of people across Ontario who volunteer each and every day," said Jackson. "This year gives us the opportunity to recognize those who volunteer, to renew the spirit of volunteerism and challenge others to get involved."

The Community Volunteer Summits will allow communities to mark IYV, engage

in volunteer fairs, provide information on Ontario's volunteer programs and celebrate Ontario's Promise. Ontario's Promise was announced by Premier Harris in November 2000. The exciting new partnership initiative challenges individuals, non-profit agencies, corporations and government to get involved and work together to provide Ontario's children and young people with the basic elements they need to thrive.

Other new volunteer initiatives include:

Enhancing Volunteerism - a \$2 million one-time Ontario Trillium Foundation funding program to assist provincial voluntary organizations to recruit, support and recognize volunteers.

Making IT Work for Volunteers - a partnership between the Ontario government and the Information Technology Association of Canada for Ontario to increase the technological capacity of the voluntary sector.

An expanded Volunteer Service Awards program

that recognizes volunteers for their commitment and contributions.

Minister Jackson, Dan Newman, Minister of Northern Development and Mines and MPP for Scarborough Southwest, David Turnbull, Solicitor General and MPP for Don Valley West and David Young, Attorney General and Minister of Native Affairs and MPP for Willowdale presented a \$45,000 cheque to Roger Cunningham, President of the Volunteer Centre of Toronto to host the Community Volunteer Summit in Toronto.

"The Volunteer Centre of Toronto is very pleased to have an opportunity to work on the Community Volunteer Summits. They are a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness of the important role volunteers play in our community and in particular the role of youth who are the volunteers of the future," said Roger Cunningham, President of the Volunteer Centre of Toronto.

Since 1995, the Ontario government has invested more than \$22 million to sup-

port, enable and value volunteers. This is in addition to the \$100 million in province-wide and community grants, raised through charitable gaming, and distributed annually by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. During IYV, the government will spend a further \$15 million to support volunteers and community organizations.

Business Destroyed

At approximately 11:00 p.m. on April 10, members of the Centre Hastings OPP detachment responded to a report of a fire at the "Sevens" restaurant located on Highway 7, just west of Madoc. Fire departments from Centre Hastings, Madoc Township and Marmora attended.

The business was completely destroyed by the fire. The Fire Marshall's office is investigating in conjunction with the OPP. Anyone having information is asked to call 473-4234.

Hazardous Waste Day

The First Household Hazardous Waste Collection for 2001 will take place April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Belleville Public Works Yard, 75 Wallbridge Crescent.

The waste collection facility is open to residents of the City of Belleville, Quinte West and all other Centre and South Hastings county residents. However, the management of Quinte Waste Solutions would like to remind everyone that motor oil and antifreeze will not be accepted at the site. Acceptable materials include paints, stains, batteries, propane tanks, cleaners, pesticides, fertilizer, outdated medicine, thinners and pool chemicals. Further information on acceptable products can be obtained by calling (613) 394-6266.

CHSS News

by Scott Reid & Tyler Cembal

Centre Hastings Secondary School held its annual 30-Hour Famine on April 6 and 7 and raised \$7,000 for World Vision, an international charity that helps children.

Overall 120 students spent last Friday night at the school along with teachers and the Principal to supervise and take part.

Community donations and spirit are what really helped to raise the \$7,000.

Our dedicated Junior Band, Senior Band and Jazz Band all won gold medals at Rotary Music Festival and CHSS is very proud of our musical students and their abilities.

Ms. Chapman's class baked a cake for the participants in OFSAA at CHSS including the hockey team, curling team and the senior and junior girl's volleyball

teams, who made COSS (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletes).



Happy Easter!



The Treasure Trove, situated at 89 Durham Street South, has undergone an in-store transformation to better display their merchandise for their clientele. New lines of fashionable clothing for all ages, a vast assortment of quality collectibles, antiques, imported specialties and a reminder of the past...the town barber...makes this a one-stop shopper's paradise of choice.

Pictured are Sarah Alexander, Marc DelGrosso and Treasure Trove owner, Gerry DelGrosso who shares administrative duties with his wife Cathy. Photo by Aubrey Johnson

Obituary

Allan Vernon Anderson of RR#3 Madoc, passed away April 1, 2001 at Kingston General Hospital. Mr. Anderson was born in Bowmanville and was retired from his position at Loyalist College.

Mr. Anderson was the beloved husband of Barbara (nee Watts) and was predeceased by his mother Mary Anderson of Whitby and brothers Oscar of Barrie and Ken of Clinton. He is survived and will be sadly missed by his children Kathryn Anderson of Scarborough; Terri & Derek Cuthbertson of Moncton, New Brunswick; Douglas & Tina Anderson of Scarborough; John Anderson of Madoc; Beth & Herb Seichter of Madoc; Steve & Donna Anderson of Waterloo; Chris Anderson of Madoc and brothers Bruce (Mabel) Anderson of Beaverton and Ross (Shirley) Anderson of Uxbridge.

Funeral services were held at the McConnell Funeral Home in Madoc officiated by the Reverend Austin Snider with cremation following.

Mr. Anderson will be fondly remembered by all his many friends and loving family.

Government gives more say

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representative from each of the three provincial parents' organizations - Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations (OFHSA), Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education (OAPCE) and Parents partenaires en éducation (PPE) - as well as 11 other parents from across the province.

Greg Reid, Chair of the Ontario Parent Council, expects that the new council will be meeting in the very near future.

"We hope to be in a position very soon to announce our plans to communicate directly and more frequently, on a two-way basis, with school councils and their members across the province," said Reid.

"With the introduction of the new provincial regulations governing school councils, parents now are assured of a meaningful voice in public education. The new OPC is looking forward to ensuring that the voice of parents is heard at the provincial level."

Ecker first announced plans to have school councils represented on the OPC last June as part of a series of initiatives - including new school councils regulations now in effect - that increase parental involvement and influence in Ontario's publicly funded education system.

Increased parental involvement in the publicly funded education system is just one component of the government's plan for quality education. Other elements include:

- a more rigorous curriculum from kindergarten through to Grade 12;

- a new, province-wide Code of Conduct to help create safe environments for students to learn and for teachers to teach;

- a standardized testing program for students to give us important information about how we are progressing and where we need to make improvements; and a teacher testing program to ensure that teachers keep developing and improving their skills.

Web Site to Let Canadians Check Local Air Quality

A new environmental Web site will allow Canadians concerned about air quality to type in their postal code and get a breakdown of the toxic compounds in their local air, as well as the companies responsible for putting them there.

The service, which was launched on April 10 by three prominent environmental groups at a cost of about C\$500,000 (\$320,000), is modeled after a similar effort in the United States.

Antipollution activists in the U.S. have used information from that site to develop campaigns against environmentally unfriendly companies, the paper said.

"Knowledge is power in this context," Paul Muldoon of the Canadian Environmental Law Association, one of the site's sponsors said.

The Web site will use information collected by Environment Canada on the

country's major polluters, who are supposed to monitor their own output. Users will receive a ranking of polluting companies in their area as well as a list of pollutants released. The Web site, found at www.pollutionwatch.org, is also sponsored by the Canadian Institute for Environ-

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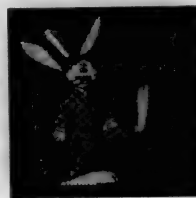
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The Sinister Aftermath When Fire Wreaks Havoc



Just before 8:00 a.m. on April 17, fire breaks out at the former "Stickwood's" building on Durham Street. The lower floors of the building housed a new business and apartments could be found above the premises. Members of the Madoc, Huntingdon, Centre Hastings and Madoc Township fire departments are deployed to the scene. The Ontario Fire Marshall has once again been called to investigate. The old building, which has been the cornerstone of business activities in Madoc for the past 100 years, lies in ruin, her memories now a vague recollection told by the older people who were once witness to another fonder time.
Photo by Aubrey Johnson



During the early hours of April 10, passersby notice flames erupting from landmark situated on Highway 7. Over the course of a normal day, many travel this stretch of roadway between Peterborough and Ottawa have stopped for to eat. We do, at times, take our surroundings for granted, until those families longer offer us a stop-off point in our hectic frenzy to get to where we are underneath the roofs of every home and business we pass, the untold stories living lives of quiet desperation unfold on a daily basis.
PC L.H. Robson has confirmed to the Madoc Review that as of April 16, Centre OPP have charged a suspect with arson and he will appear in court on May 16.
Photo by Aubrey Johnson

The Moira River Study

Following a period of public consultation, the Ministry of the Environment has finalized the Moira River Study. The study examined the environmental impact of historical contamination from the abandoned Deloro Mine Site on the Moira River, from below the mine site, down river to Belleville. It provides the most detailed, comprehensive analysis of the river system undertaken.

The Moira River Study is one of two off-site assessments conducted by the ministry as part of the larger multi-million dollar cleanup project for the Deloro Mine Site. The Deloro Village Environmental Health Risk Study, released in July 1999, found it is safe to live in the village. The Moira River Study concluded that despite the presence of historical contamination in the river system, there is no adverse effect on aquatic life, and little or no health concern for residents.

The Moira River Study was conducted by two independent consulting firms and peer reviewed by leading experts in Canada and the U.S. It included: sampling of water quality, sediment quality, sediment dwelling organisms and fish; a preliminary health risk assessment to

determine if there are potential health implications for people living downstream to the mine site; and computer modelling to predict how the aquatic environment will improve in response to the ministry's final cleanup work at the former mine site.

Water quality has greatly improved over the last 35 years in response to the end of processing activities and the ministry's subsequent cleanup actions at the mine site.

The study confirms there are elevated levels of metals in sediments and water of the Moira River system-the result of 100 years of mining, refining and manufacturing at the former Deloro Mine Site.

Sediment quality is slowly improving and will likely continue to do so. The areas of highest concentrations are found in the sediments of Young's Creek, just below the mine site.

Radioactive materials are not a concern in the Moira River system-levels are so low they could not be distinguished from naturally occurring background levels.

In Young's Creek, beyond the boundaries of the mine site, the study found deposits of contaminated

sediments accumulated behind a beaver dam just before it meets the Moira River. The study identified the possibility that contaminated sediments may have accumulated behind other beaver dams. The possibility that these sediments could be carried downstream in a major flood was identified for follow-up action by the ministry. The ministry's Action Plan provides details on follow-up work.

A close examination of metals in sediment shows they have little or no impact on aquatic life.

The study concludes that there is little or no health concern for residents and cottagers along the Moira River downstream of the Deloro Mine Site. However, residents living between the mine site and the outlet of Moira Lake should not drink untreated river or lake water.

Levels of arsenic in this stretch occasionally exceed Ontario Drinking Water Standards, particularly in summer months, when water levels are lower.

If the water is not used for drinking, arsenic is not a concern. Individuals living along this section have been reminded by the ministry and the Hastings and Prince Ed-

ward Counties Health Unit not to drink untreated lake or river water.

It is safe to swim in the Moira River and in Stoco Lakes, unless otherwise posted by the Health Unit.

It is safe to eat fish from the Moira River system provided the consumption restrictions in the Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish are followed.

There is a consumption restriction for sport fishing in Moira and Stoco Lakes because of mercury which is not related to the former Deloro Mine Site.

The predictive modelling demonstrates that sediment quality has and will continue to improve slowly.

However, it will take more than 30 years to see substantial improvements in the historical contamination, regardless of cleanup actions at the Deloro Mine Site.



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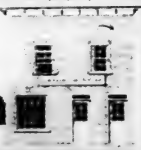
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Head of Ontario Medical Association urges review of Canada Health Act

The Canada Health Act should be re-examined to determine what services should not be covered by medicare, according to a spokesman for Ontario's doctors. Dr. Albert Schumacher, president of the Ontario Medical Association, said the 17-year-old act which guarantees that all Canadians get the same standard of care is outdated.

It must be revised, he said, to save Canada's beleaguered health-care system. "We have no provision for quality in the Canada Health Act. We have no provision for accountability of either the provincial or the federal government," he said after a luncheon speech to the Canadian Club of Toronto. "There are some substantive things that need to be examined."

Since the act was approved unanimously in the House of Commons in 1984, Canada's health-care system has changed as a result of new technologies, procedures, and screening and prevention programs, Schumacher argued. Waiting lists and physician shortages have prompted a flood of patients heading to the U.S. for cancer treatments and other critical surgeries.

Schumacher said the public needs to engage in a debate about what should be considered a medically necessary procedure. He cited the \$20 PSA blood test for prostate cancer, which is not automatically covered by medicare; as something that should be discussed. "What I'm talking about is new things that come on line. Currently we have PSA tests

that are unfunded that cost people \$20," Schumacher said.

The test made headlines recently when federal Health Minister Allan Rock and former Reform Leader Preston Manning both underwent surgery for the illness. Both said they had undergone regular testing. "Are we going to bring (these types of tests) on as part of our insured basket of services ... or will they be brought in under some other way of getting them, through private insurance or other ways?" said Schumacher.

Critics have argued that

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removing services from the list of those covered under medicare pushes Canada a step closer to a two-tier system, such as exists in the U.S. "We have to look at the kind of services (patients) want and demand," said Schumacher.

"Some people may say 'well, take acne off,' and 'take other services off,'" "Now, acne is important for many people. For some people it's the most important thing I've ever done." Ontario Health Minister Tony Clement said Monday the public should be involved in the debate about the de-listing of services. "If what (Schumacher) is saying is that people are going to be denied medically necessary services on the basis of money, I don't think our government agrees with that. "If what he's saying is universal accessibility, but the deliverers of that are going to be a mix of private sector agents and public sector agents which is what we have right now, if he wants to engage in that kind of discussion I think the public

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Unions, women launch second suit against Ontario government over pay equity

Five Ontario public sector unions are taking the provincial government to court for a second time over what they call its refusal to cough up equal wages for women. While paying lip service to improving the situation in female-dominated sectors such as health care, the government has flouted a 1993 "proxy" pay equity act, lawyer Mary Cornish said recently.

"The government itself is perpetuating this sex discrimination," she said, adding the province now owes more than \$140 million in adjusted back payments to some 100,000 women.

The money is owed to employees in female-dominated workplaces whose jobs were evaluated "by proxy" with jobs in a male-dominated workplace with a similar pay grid.

For example, a female child-care worker's job might be compared with that of a male maintenance worker and her salary adjusted accordingly.

"(The government) knows how much adjustments are owing," said Cornish, who is representing the unions and four women plaintiffs. "It knows what they have to pay and what the amount of wages that these women (are owed) ... and they have decided not to pay it and to flout the law, and this is something that we cannot allow them to do."

Labour Minister Chris Stockwell said he wasn't familiar with the specifics of the lawsuit. "We don't know what the basis for the challenge is, we've not been alerted as to what part they're challenging, how they're challenging it, who

it affects," he said.

He said his government already paid \$140 million in retroactive proxy pay equity funding for 1995, 1996 and 1997 following a 1997 court ruling, and is now paying out \$500 million a year for the total pay equity package for women in public sector jobs.

But Cornish said another \$140 million is still owed, and the current \$500 million payout will only cover the non-proxy pay equity workers.

She said another \$505 million is needed to bring all female workers up to par over the next 10 years.

Five unions - the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Ontario Nurses Association, the Ontario Public Services Employees Union, the Service Employees International Union and the United Steelworkers of America - along with four women who work in the health care and educate on sectors launched Tuesday's legal action.

Patricia Williams, an early childhood education worker in Ottawa, receives \$2.60 an hour less than a male worker at a comparable level. Over the past two years Williams has lost \$11,835 because the government has not funded the equity adjustment, Cornish said.

"It's sexist, essentially," she said. "The government doesn't (really) respect women's work." Mary Kelly, a community care worker in Meaford, Ont., is losing nearly \$6.80 an hour - the difference between her rate

and the rate of a comparable male counterpart - because the government has failed to pay up, said Leah Casselman, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

"The Mike Harris government's decision to cap pay equity was made when the economy was booming," Casselman said.

"They could afford tax cuts for everyone - some of that money should have gone to paying people like Mary what they deserve under the law."

In 1995, the Tories enacted legislation which eliminated the proxy pay equity law of 1993. In 1997, the Ontario Superior Court overturned the that legislation, labelling it "unconstitutional and discriminatory."

But the government still hasn't paid public sector women the difference, and has argued that it's up to the broader public sector to "find" the wages within existing budgets, Cornish said.

"What the (1997) court ruling did was restore the law that gave people the right to the adjustments... it did not expressly deal with funding," she said.

"We say it's the law to fund public services at equitable wages. These are government services, yet the government is not paying for it."

Brenda Hallihan, vice-president of the Ontario

Nurses Association, said the government's refusal to act on the 1997 ruling will exacerbate the effects of a nursing shortage in Ontario.

"The government must provide the funding to ensure that nurses are paid non-discriminatory wages," she said.

"If the government not fund pay equity then not be nurses available to for our aging parents and grandparents."

Cornish agreed, said talk of improving health is moot when the back of the health work force is underpaid.

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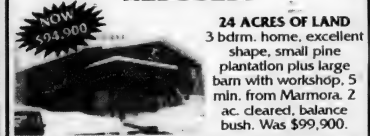
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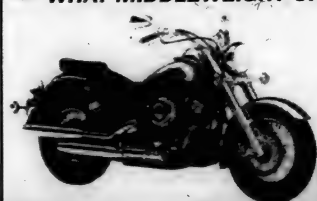
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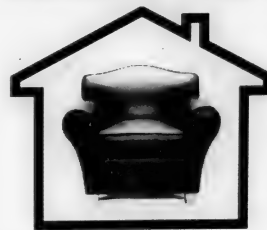
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Jack Elmhirst's rink takes Maplefest crown

By Lillian Forester

Asphodel-Norwood - The Norwood Curling Club concluded another season with a very successful Maplefest Bonspiel. Teams came from many communities but our own Jack Elmhirst was the big winner after two days of curling.

In second place was Nick Nickson's team followed by Merv McNeely's family team.

Lots of thanks

Congratulations to all who participated.

A **very big thank you** to Sheryn Nelson for her many hours of originating this spiel and another thank you to Julia Barber and all her kitchen elves who prepared the meal.

We were fortunate to have many sponsors who helped to make this such a successful bonspiel. Special thanks have to go out to our major sponsors who again supported us this year: Fred Nelson and Sons, Jack Begg Fuels, Allen Insurance, Doughty Aggregates and Trent River Pottery.

All our curlers are invited to wine and cheese social evening at the club on **April 26** at 7:30 pm. Following the social hour we will have a brief annual meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Gramma Flo's hockey crew reaches Cataracts 80 title game in Niagara Falls

Trip to honeymoon capital wraps season

Niagara Falls - The Gramma Flo's Oldtimers took the Niagara Falls Cataracts 80 tourney by storm topping the Bill Irwin Division with a perfect record to reach the championship final.

The squad made the trip to the honeymoon capital the weekend of Mar. 25 wrapping up their season with an energetic run in the big tournament.

Favourite driver

The team arrived safely by Canada Coach with their favourite driver Grace Reidal behind the wheel, then got themselves ready for a Friday afternoon battle with Kincardine at the Jack Bell Arena.

They dusted the Bruce County team 7-2 behind the hat trick performance of Dan McDougall. Adding a pair of goals to the total was Dave Heffernan with Frank Carlow and Mike Darrington firing in single markers. Fred Rogers and Carlow each had a pair of helpers with single

and Pete Kennelly all had single goals.

Mike Heffernan picked up three assists with McDougall adding two. Pete Kennelly, Darrington and Carlow each had single helpers.

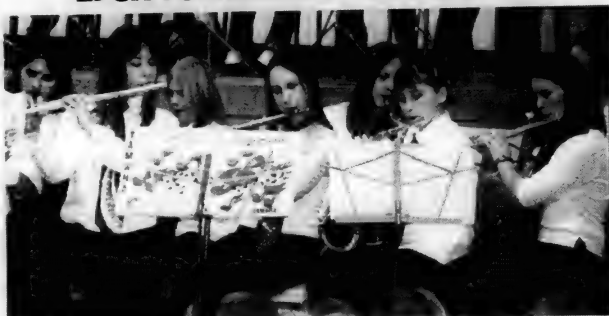
After a good night's rest, the boys headed back to the Jack Bell Arena for an early afternoon contest against Waterloo while Dan McDougall and Mike Heffernan returned to Norwood to coach their Novice Hornets squad against

Beaveron in the OMHA Red Lobster Cup final.

With Bernie Gannon returning to the ice for the team, Norwood came out on top 7-3. Mike Rioux and Dave Heffernan each had two goals with singles to Gannon, Rob Buchanan and Carlow.

Lorne Curry had three assists while Carlow, Willford, Gannon and Darrington all had two assists each. Single helpers went to Kennelly, Rogers and Heffernan.

Bandtastic show...



On the road: Members of the Norwood District High School Concert Band and their Dividend band side-kicks performed a rousing show for students at Norwood District Public School.



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Merle Hannon's Gramma Flo's hockey squad had a memorable trip to the Falls city where they wrapped up their 2000-01 season.

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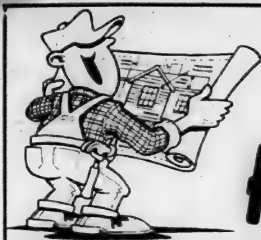
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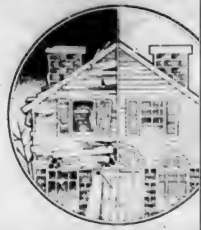
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The problem may lie either with individual floorboards or the subfloor. If the squeak occurs only when pressure is exerted on one or two boards, then the problem is probably with those boards. Try applying liquid wax, talcum powder, or powdered graphite in the groove between the boards to lessen the friction and thus quiet the squeak.

If that doesn't do the trick, drill small pilot holes near both edges of the boards where they are squeaking. Drive two-inch finishing nails through the pilot holes and into the supporting tongue-and-groove structure, securing the boards together. Set the nail and fill in with matching color wood putty or wax.

If the squeaking occurs over a broader surface that is one or two feet wide, the likely culprit is movement of the subfloor and the solution is to reattach it to the supporting floor joists. One traditional approach would be to expose the joists from below and make the repair. However, if the problem is



on an upper floor, the associated mess and ceiling repair make this a very unappealing option.

A better alternative would be to take a top-down approach. First, the floor joists must be accurately located, a job that requires the proper tool. While there are several stud finders on the market today, most cannot find a

joist through hardwood flooring or reach the depth required.

Once the joist is located, bore an angled pilot hole through the flooring, the subfloor, and into the joist. Drive a 2-1/2 inch long finish nail through the floor and into the joist. Set the nail and fill in with matching wood putty.

Window Décor Q and A

Q: What would you recommend as a treatment option for a skylight or greenhouse window?

A: The best treatment for a skylight or greenhouse window is a pleated or cellular pleated shade or mini blinds. These windows generally require specific measuring instructions and may require a template.

Springtime inspection of your home

(NC)—Spring goes hand-in-hand with spring thaw. It is therefore of the utmost importance to make sure that your house is fully protected against all risks of water seepage.

Caulked joints

It's advisable to check all the caulked joints around window and door frames by making sure that they have not come unstuck or that they have not cracked during the winter cold season. If they have, it is important to take the necessary remedial action. To do so, just remove the damaged product and apply new caulking to the joint.

It should be noted that the summer is the ideal time to do this job.

If the shingles have lifted from strong winds, they must be secured in place with tar. Pay special attention to the first two feet all

around the edge of the roof. If the asphalt shingles have curled and lifted, and if the ends are turning upward, it is a clear sign that they must be replaced.

Inspection of wood surfaces

If the paint on the wood surfaces is peeling off, it is advisable to scrape it in order to clean the surface well and make sure that there is no residue. Then apply a primer and end with a new coat of paint. If you must carry out such an operation, plan to do so before the sweltering summer heat arrives. And avoid applying paint on a very sunny day in order to ensure more long-lasting results.

Make sure that there is no residue of leaves in the eaves troughs so as not to obstruct the flow of water in the downspouts. You can also check that the eaves troughs

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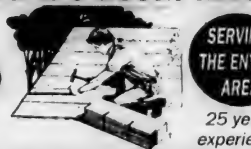
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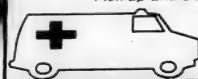
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Tips for updating your bathroom

(NC)—Looking for quick and easy ways to update your bathroom? Ted Harrison, Director of Marketing at a faucet manufacturer, offers the following helpful tips to get you started:

Paint:

- Don't be afraid to splash on some of today's hot colours
- Accent neutral tones with brightly colored towels, soaps, and baskets

Tiles:

- Consider adding accent tiles to colour coordinate and achieve the look you want

Sinks:

- Save money by reglazing your sink and tub to get rid of stains and marks

Faucets:

- Replacing your faucet is an inexpensive way to create a new look
- Check out the many new durable finishes and styles
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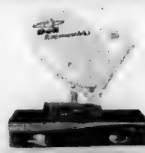
Accessories:

- Coordinate accessories such as towel bars, robe hooks, toothbrush and soap holders, with your faucet and showerhead fixtures to achieve a dramatic "designer" look.

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Above-Ground Pools: Portable, affordable and ready in a splash

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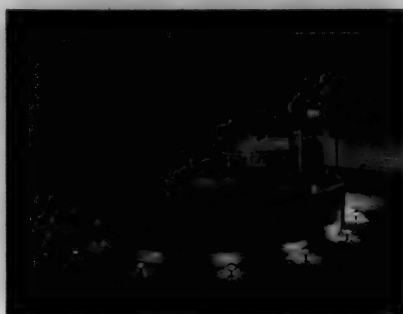
Above-ground pools can be quite attractive, lending themselves nicely to beautiful and useful surrounding decks. Besides that, an above-ground pool has the added advantage of being portable. When you move, you can take it with you.

Above-ground swimming pools are traditionally round or oval in shape and consist of a liner on a metal or polymer frame. And nearly 4 million families in North America can attest to their fun.

If you're ready to join them, take along the following tips from the National Spa & Pool Institute of Canada (NSPI) when you go shopping.

These simple steps can make purchasing an above-ground pool almost as easy as enjoying it.

Decide how you want to



use your pool.

Will you use it mostly for exercise? Will it be used for family fun?

Do you plan to do a lot of entertaining in and around it? These questions will help determine the size and configuration of your pool. Check with NSPI for brochures on pool planning, maintenance and safety.

What's your budget?

Above-ground pools typically cost between \$2,000 and \$8,000 for a family-sized pool, making them quite affordable.

Find a reliable dealer.

You can first consult the NSPI membership directory through the internet. Check the dealer's background and references. Is the company a member in good standing in other business organizations?

Also find out if the dealer handles service as well as sales.

Check several sources of financing.

Make sure you're getting the best deal.

Ask for a warranty for the pool and its equipment.

Be sure you fully understand the warranty—what is

and isn't covered if something needs to be replaced.

Review your contracts carefully.

Make sure you understand exactly what is included in the purchase price. Get the specifics on delivery and installation and get everything in writing.

Be sure to figure in additional costs. If you plan to include a deck or landscaping, prepare a master plan with costs. Some above-ground pools can be set-up by you with the aid of a video provided by the manufacturer. But, if yours requires professional installation, be sure the installer adheres to all local safety codes.

Finally, play it safe around your above-ground pool.

Include layers of safety protection including a self-closing gate, alarms and safety covers. And keep in mind, there is no substitute for constant supervision of children and pets.

For more information on above ground pools, contact the National Spa & Pool Institute of Canada at 1-800-879-7066 or through their web site at www.nspi.ca.

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- Don't cover or fill weepholes (the vertical spaces between bricks) at the lower part of the foundation. Weepholes reduce the formation of moisture and condensation, preventing cracking and other damage to your brickwork.

- Planting beds should not be built to cover brick work at ground level to prevent

ground moisture from penetrating the bricks.

- Maintain effective roof drainage. Poor drainage may damage masonry. Make sure your eaves troughs are not blocked or damaged. Check your eaves troughing if you notice the appearance of moss or darkened brick.

- Make sure your brickwork starts at least six inches above ground level. This will prevent moisture buildup and reduce damage from freezing and thawing cycles.

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Tops in 18-wheeler competition

Foxboro - The competition was fierce but friendly at this year's 18-wheeler competitions for Scouts held at Emmanuel Church here recently. Winners were decided by elimination races. Josh Read, (centre) of Foxboro not only captured the "A" division championship but also the Overall Championship title beating out Dennis Robinson of Madoc, (left), who took the "B" Championship title. Matthew Kidd, (right) of Marmora not only finished third in the "A" division but also had his rig judged by his peers as "Best Designed."

- BD Photo



Wooden 18-wheelers place in competition

Foxboro - They didn't win the championships but these two Scouts had a great day at the 18-wheeler competitions held in Emmanuel Church here recently. The 1st Thurlow Scouts hosted the annual event in which Aiden Freake, (left) of Madoc finished second in the "B" division while Casey Rutledge also of Madoc placed third.

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Second and third winners in 18-wheeler competitions

Foxboro - It was close between the top rigs in this year's sixth annual 18-wheeler competitions hosted by the 1st Thurlow Scouts at Emmanuel Church. But not everybody can win the championship. Placing in the top three is still an accomplishment given the number of rigs in the competition. Kirk Mason, (left) of Madoc finished second in the "A" Division while Matthew Kidd of Marmora placed third. Matthew also had his carrier rig voted "Best Design."

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Minor facelifts for Barrie Township Hall

By Will Cybulski

In the wake of its porch collapsing this winter past, the entrance way to the Library in Cloyne will soon take on a new look. At its regular meeting on April 9th,

North Frontenac's Municipal Council approved a \$6,714.20 tender for repairs from Countryside Carpentry. Council also agreed to purchase an amount of plywood necessary to close off the stairs at the old entrance to

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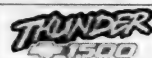
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Warkworth club plans Spring Thaw opening play on April 29th

Pine Ridge also ready for action

Warkworth - The Warkworth Golf Club will usher in a new season with a nine-hole Awards Day Scramble and spring thaw party open house Sunday, April 29th. Play gets under way at 11 a.m. with the awards ceremony and wine and cheese party to follow.

Meanwhile, Pine Ridge Golf and Country Club is looking forward to a successful season after a long, harsh winter. Club president Bob Holmes and Manager Pete Crate expects the course to be ready for play just as soon as some of the wet areas dry out. Crate is once again looking forward to working with Pro Shop Manager Gary Alex, greenskeeper Ken Runions

and food and beverage manager Melinda Petherick.

Pine Ridge is planning another strong junior program with Lou Doucette serving as golf instructor with help from Bob Simpson, Jeff Doucette and many others. Alex says the club is looking for a few more volunteers to help with the juniors.

The Pine Ridge ladies section is ready for a busy season. The executive comprises Joan Risebrough, president; Betty Lindup, secretary; Ingrid Kristensen, treasurer; and Mavis Quale, past president. Ladies leagues will get under way Monday, April 30th while the club will host the Kingston District Ladies spring meet-

ing Saturday, April 28th at 10 a.m.

The Pine Ridge Ladies Invitational will be played Tuesday, July 3rd.

Golf leagues at the Warkworth Club will be launched Monday, April 30th. First major tournament will be the opening four-person 18-hole scramble Saturday, May 5th with play starting at 8:30 a.m.

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The Campbellford Lions Club tournament is scheduled Friday, June 1st while the Warkworth senior men's invitational, with a shot gun start, gets under way Thursday, June 21st.

Club manager John Hutchinson is pleased to have Troy Kelly back as Director of Golf.

The club is also pleased to be selected in ninth place among the best golf web sites in Ontario as of April 2nd. Warkworth ranks behind the OGA, Horseshoe Resort, Wooden Sticks, Scarborough Golf, Saugeen Golf Club, Glendale and the Blue Mountain Resort. Rounding out the top 10 is the Royal Woodbine Golf Club. The Warkworth site was in third place behind Wooden Sticks and Scarborough on Dec. 12th, 2000.

OLA, OLGA merge "for single focus"

Oakville--The membership of both the Ontario Golf Association and the Ladies Golf Association has voted overwhelmingly to amalgamate the two organizations. The two groups have formed a single association to be known as the Golf Association of Ontario.

Two separate votes were taken during a special meeting of members of the OLGA and the annual general meeting of the OGA at the Glen Abbey Golf Club.

Amalgamation proceedings began in earnest during the fall of 1998 at which time both the OGA and the OLGA sought the opinions of their membership.

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The decision to pursue amalgamation was due in large part to the varying concerns voiced by member clubs of both associations.

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On April 14, at 11:30 pm, a large teen gathering occurred in the Crowe Valley Conservation area in Marmora (also known as Martha's Grave). Sixteen teens are being charged with Trespassing and several will also be charged with liquor offences. The names cannot be released until information is sworn.

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A break-in was investigated April 12 at the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority building on Hughes Lane in Marmora.

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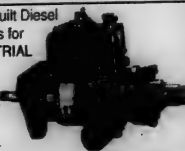


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The rest of this process will continue on the weekend of **May 19th** in Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; and on the weekend of **June 23rd** in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Quebec. Northwestern Ontario, including Thunder Bay, will also be integrated on the weekend of **June 23rd**, with the remainder of Ontario completed on the weekend of **August 4th**.

In the meantime, our customers have also been experiencing our product and service integration as we have combined the discount brokerage operations and mutual fund arms of TD Bank and Canada Trust, and simplified our chequing and savings account packages. In March, the Estates & Trusts Services operations of our two organizations became one, and on May 31st, our Private Investment Counsel and Private Investment Management businesses will also be combined.

Following the completion of our transition to *TD Canada Trust* in your area, our branches there will open as *TD Canada Trust*, with a new look both inside and out. Our new name will appear on all cheques, statements, and correspondence. In fact, as of March, TD Bank customers have already encountered our new name on their statements and while banking on the telephone with *TD Canada Trust EasyLine*™ and on the Internet with *TD Canada Trust EasyWeb*™ at www.tdcanadatrust.com. **Although you may have noticed a few changes to these services, such as a new voice and a modified menu, mainly it has been business as usual.** We thank you for your patience as we make the transition to the new

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After the integration process is complete across Canada, all our customers will experience the same integrated services and a unified array of retail banking products. And our ABMs will offer a full range of banking services under the name *Green Machine*™. What will not change are our hours of operation – except to be extended, our people inside the branches, and our commitment to building a better bank for you.

You'll Be Notified About Changes Affecting You

For now it is business as usual. We will notify you personally, in writing, and well in advance, of changes to your accounts and branch. We will also keep you informed about our integration progress through regular reports in our branches, on the Internet, and in updates such as this in Canada's newspapers.

Travelling Inside Or Outside Canada Soon?

If you are travelling *outside* Canada during the next few months, it will be important to have your mail forwarded so you can receive notices from us, and ensure that access to your accounts is uninterrupted. And if you are travelling *inside* Canada from an area that hasn't been integrated to one that has, rest assured that you can do your banking at any *TD Canada Trust* branch in that region.

Some Branches Will Be Consolidated

Many people have asked if we will be consolidating our branches or re-locating them. Yes, we will. This will begin as early as the month after your area converts to *TD Canada Trust*. Retail bank customers who are affected will be given at least 120 days notification. We're working hard to minimize the impact the consolidation has on our customers and employees. For example, when two branches with different operating hours consolidate, the new branch will adopt the longer hours of operation. We are committed to opening new branches; **this year we plan to open at least 10 new individual branches, plus 40 new branches in retail outlets across the country.**

Our Goal Is To Build A Better Bank For You

Bringing together two of Canada's largest financial service organizations is anything but simple. We will make mistakes. But we will move to correct any errors quickly, completely – and cheerfully. Our employees are receiving special training in order to make the transition as worry-free as possible for you. They will do their utmost to assist you as our integration progresses over the next few months.

If you have any questions, or if you feel we are not meeting your expectations, simply call our *TD Canada Trust* Customer Information Line at 1-888-572-8924.

Let me close by saying how much we appreciate that *TD Canada Trust* is your bank. No matter how you choose to bank with us – in person, at an ABM, on the telephone, or over the Internet – you will receive high quality service and the ongoing commitment of our employees to build a better bank for you. That's why we are working hard to offer you the best possible banking experience in Canada.

Thank you.



Ed Clark
TD Canada Trust



Be Cautious

On the morning of April 11, the Centre Hastings OPP responded to a report of a motor vehicle collision involving a moose. A south-bound vehicle on Highway 62, near Millbridge, struck the moose.

There were no injuries to

the driver and the moose took off into the bush. There was damage to the front end of the vehicle.

Please be cautious of wildlife when travelling on the roadways.

Soft Ball in Madoc in 2001?

Softball season is upon us again. Get out the ball equipment.

This year, we are going to try and rejuvenate our fledgling ball programs. In order for this to happen, we desperately need your help.

Volunteers are required for all areas of ball, from maintaining the ball park, to coaching.

If anyone is interested, please call Stan Stein at 473-4698. Without your help, there will be not be any ball in Madoc!

Allan Vernon Anderson of RR#3 Madoc, passed away April 1, 2001 at Kingston General Hospital. Born in Bowmanville and educated at Loyalist College, Mr. Anderson was retired after twenty three years in the Armed Forces.

Mr. Anderson was the beloved husband of Barbara (nee Watts) and was predeceased by his mother Mary Anderson of Whitby and brothers Oscar of Barrie and Ken of Clinton. He is survived and will be sadly missed by his children Kathryn Anderson of Scarborough; Terri & Derek Cuthbertson of Moncton, New Brunswick; Douglas & Tina Anderson of Scarborough; John Anderson of Madoc; Beth & Herb Seichter of Madoc; Steve & Donna Anderson of Waterloo; Chris Anderson of Madoc and brothers Bruce (Mabel) Anderson of Beaverton and Ross (Shirley) Anderson of Uxbridge.

Funeral services were held at the McConnell Funeral Home in Madoc officiated by the Reverend Austin Snider with cremation following. Mr. Anderson will be fondly remembered by all his many friends and loving family.

Not To Miss

The Madoc Girl Guides will be hosting a craft and bake sale at the Madoc Township Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 22 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

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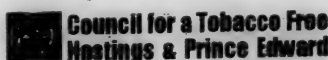
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The "Love Me..Buckle Me Right" Car Seat clinic was held in Madoc on April 21. Pictured are Tammy & Adam Durst with Public Health Nurse Barbara Batchelor. This clinic was a combined partnership effort with H&PE Health Unit, Hastings County Children's Aid Society, Evenflo, OPP, and Daimler Chrysler. (See further report on car seat safety on page 3) Photo by Aubrey Johnson

New Service Keeps Young Children Safer

A new service has been launched in the Quinte area. Parents and caregivers will now be able to take old or damaged child car seats, to the CAA office in Belleville, to be destroyed by Canadian Waste Services. The Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit, CAA Central Ontario and Canadian Waste Services have joined together to make this service possible.

Why is this service so valuable? Health Canada recommends that child car seats over 10 years of age should no longer be used due to wear and tear and weather related structural changes. Some manufacturers of child car seats are now including expiry dates on their products. The expiry period ranges from six to seven years. Seats that have been involved in a vehicle collision should not be used again. Seats with missing or damaged parts should not be used. "Child car seats are expensive and people will often sell them or pass them on to family and friends," says Beth Baxter, Public Health Nurse. "They may not realize that these seats are not safe anymore and should be destroyed."

Commencing May 1,

2001, any individual with an unsafe car seat that they wish to dispose of, can bring it to the disposal site at the CAA Central Office at the corner of Wallbridge-Loyalist Road and Highway #2, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The seats must be given to a CAA representative. Canadian Waste Services will have the seats destroyed.

To find out more about child car seat safety, call the Baby Tot Line at 966-5513, extension 223, or the Infant

and Toddler Safety Association at 519-570-0181. You can also log on to the Transport Canada website (www.tc.gc.ca) for information or a detailed listing of seats that have been recalled.

Parents and drivers are reminded that National Road Safety Week will take place during the week of May 18-24 and a number of infant car seat clinics will take place within our area. This would be a good time to have your child's car seats inspected.



OPP Auxiliary Cst Dave Kirkwood poses with Adam Durst during the car seat clinic. Photo by Aubrey Johnson

Quinte Healthcare Corporation Operating Plan Submitted to Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care

Quinte Healthcare Corporation (QHC) submitted its 2001/02 operating plan to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care April 27, 2001. The official deadline for submitting the plan was April 20; however, a change in direction with regard to proposals for operating efficiencies in 2001/02 resulted in a status quo position for the operating plan. This was a different approach than originally expected, and required QHC Finance staff to redevelop the operating plan components accordingly.

The QHC Board of Directors reviewed components of the 2001/02 operating plan at its regular meeting on Wednesday April 25, prior to the document being finalized. The plan will largely resemble actual operations for 2001/02, with assumptions around new base and transitional revenues from the Ministry. These new revenues were requested in a meeting between QHC officials and the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health and A-Long-Term Care in February.

The Ministry is expected to review operating plans for all Ontario hospitals in the next month, then respond to hospitals toward the end of May. "Should the Ministry

disagree with the assumptions included in our operating plan, we will have to develop a recovery plan to show how we will deal with the new scenario," says Sherry Kennedy, Vice President of Finance & Support Service at QHC. In the meantime, we are continuing to work with our Service Councils and Service Teams, providing them with the information they need to consider alternatives to the efficiency-generating op-

tions previously put forward. "All indications from government suggest hospitals are expected to move in the direction of increased efficiency operations," says Kennedy. "Those that demonstrate strong effort in regard will be rewarded with future new funding which will enable them to successfully reinvest in their communities and be a part of the future."

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Asthma and Allergy Alert

Asthma has reached epidemic proportions in our children, and many are needlessly missing school, losing sleep, curtailing activities and in some cases dying from this chronic illness. Although today's diagnosis methods and treatments have significantly improved in recent years, children with asthma and allergies need a support system of parents, child caretakers, school staff, health care providers and other community members to help them properly manage their asthma and allergies from day-to-day.

Children alone can not properly manage their asthma. Significant changes, safeguards and policies need to be developed in the home, the school and in businesses

to protect children from these chronic disorders. Some groups of children are especially at risk in pre-school children.

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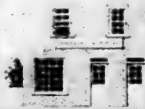
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OPP Bulletin

Trespassing by Youths

Due to recent problems, the Centre Hastings OPP would
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is posted private property. If you are found on this prop-
erty, you could be charged with trespassing under the
Trespass to Property Act.



The 41st annual Quinte Regional Science and Technology Fair was held at the Quinte
Mall in Belleville April 7. Over 450 students took part entering 265 projects. During the
fair, students competed for honours and awards in many categories as they made their
presentations before the panel of judges.

Samantha Butts and Maddy Maltby, Grade 6 students at Madoc Public School, took first
place honours at the recent QRSTF 2001 event. Their project was to build a centrifugal
hand pump to improve water pumping capabilities. The duo won the accolades with their
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Information Technology Week

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According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, about half of the fatal crashes involving drivers 80 years and older occur at intersections.

Further, a recent survey found that left hand turns cause the most problems. In fact, older drivers were found to be more than twice as likely as younger drivers to have accidents when making left-hand turns. "I think it's the ability to judge how fast traffic is moving," said Lawrence J. Cook, one of the researchers.

What's Being Done?

In the last couple of years attempts have been made to pass new legislation regulating testing and licensing of older drivers. Currently, elderly drivers are required to renew their licenses more frequently than other drivers, but very few require road tests or medical exams.

Is there an elderly driver in your life? If so you need to evaluate their ability to drive safely. This is never an

easy process to start. Losing the ability to drive a car takes away the all important sense of freedom and independence that helps keep seniors active and healthy.

In fact, studies have shown that when seniors maintain an active social life involving functions like club meetings, they stay healthier longer and suffer less depression. Taking away what they may consider their "right to drive" can drive them into a depression that can impact their long term

health.

Determining the right time to take away the car keys is not easy. In fact physicians have a difficult time making this determination. In part two we'll cover some of the steps you can take to help you make the right decision at the most appropriate time.

The week of May 18-24 has been designated National Road Safety Week. Take the time to make sure you are the same type of driver you would like others to be.

Is your child a couch potato?

According to a recent study by the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Canadian children are missing the boat when it comes to healthy living and physical activity.

The recent study found that only 63% of Canadian children play actively with their friends three or more times a week.

Instead of playing outside with their friends, learning important sports and fitness skills, these children appear to be sitting idly in front of the television set or playing video games.

On average, Canadian children watch TV for 2.4 hours a day, which may not seem excessive until you consider these youngsters also spend six or so hours being sedentary at school.

The major concern is that if such childhood habits aren't altered, youngsters will be headed for a decidedly unhealthy adulthood. There's evidence that many bad habits only get worse with age.

The study's findings confirm that the need to encourage children to live active lives has never been more critical.

That's why corporations, such as McDonald's, are now taking a more active role in the development of

programs to support children and youth sports.

"We recognize now more than ever the importance of promoting physical activity in children and youth to ensure their overall mental and physical well-being," said Barbara Ann Thompson, Director of Marketing for Restaurants.

Already a leader in community involvement through regular sponsorship of local sports teams and sporting events, McDonald's has stepped up its commitment to amateur sports and physical activity through recent efforts like the McSport Awards Program.

Launched in January 1999, the goal of the McSport Awards program is to support and develop amateur sports and athletes put to the forefront by McDonald's and its franchisees.

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An independent jury of experts and sports journalists makes the selection of the McSport Award athletes.

A monthly McSport Award is also given to a Quebec based coach selected by

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Study says kids need booster seats when riding in cars

Children riding in booster seats are 60 per cent less likely to suffer injuries in crashes than children of the same age in a seat belt, according to a safety study that is currently under way.

Dr. Dennis Durbin, a pediatric emergency physician and a lead investigator of the Partners for Child Passenger Safety Study (PCPS), said children in seat belts were likely to suffer head injuries compared to kids of the same age riding in booster seats.

The PCPS study is looking at crashes reported to State Farm Insurance from December 1998 through November 2000. The crashes in particular involved 113,387 children, and 34 per cent of them were between 4 and 8 years of age, a childhood period that safety experts say children should ride in booster seats.

When analyses were restricted to 4- to 5-year-old children in either seat belts or booster seats, children in seat belts were noted to be over three times more likely to suffer a significant injury than children in booster seats.

It is recommended that infants and children ride in child seats until they weigh

40 pounds, but after that point, a booster seat should be used, because the child is still too small for an adult seat belt to fit them properly. The booster seat should better position the child so the seat belt rides low around their hips instead of high around their abdomen, and over their sternum instead of against their necks.



Smiling faces during the annual Madoc Township Firemen's Pancake Breakfast. Photo by Aubrey Johnson

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Arson cause of Hope Mill blaze

Quick action by volunteer firefighters save landmark

Lang Village - Arsonists are being blamed for a devastating fire that caused extensive damage to the historic Hope sawmill on the banks of the Indian River just north of Lang Village.

Quick action by volunteers with the Otonabee-South Monaghan Fire Department saved the remarkable landmark from even more destruction in a fire that engulfed one-third of the roof of the mill and severely damaged the side of the three-storey building.

Firefighters arrived immediately and confined the blaze which was raging at the east end of the mill.

"The quick response by the Otonabee-South Monaghan Fire Department saved this historic mill," said Dr. Robert Salter, CAO of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority.

"We have neighbours to thank for making that crucial telephone call when they did," Dr. Salter said.

He says the damage caused to the cedar shingle roof, exterior walls, support beams, interior sawhouse, and windows are an immediate concern but "can be repaired in the short-term."

"If this fire had gone unnoticed, our community would have lost an historic landmark."

The mill is one of the very few water-powered sawmills at its original site in all of Ontario, he added.

The Hope Mill is unique in two aspects, Dr. Salter says.

It remained in the same family throughout four generations. William Lang and his wife Jane Stewart built the two-storey frame building in the mid-1830's. Jack Hope operated the sawmill into the 1960's.

"The character and function of the mill evolved over the years to reflect the needs of the changing community," Dr. Salter says.

Initially a carding a filing mill, the operation expanded to provide a shingle mill and a very small grist mill. Even-

tually it was converted to a sawmill.

The Conservation Authority purchased the mill in 1966, restoring the operation as an historic landmark.

"We need the community's support right now to help repair the damages caused by the blaze."

Ron Scott
 Chair

Otonabee Conservation Foundation

Investigators with the Ontario Fire Marshall's office say the fire started near the outside portion of the southeast wall on the first floor. The blaze spread upwards.

Restoration efforts

Firefighters were able to ventilate the building which made fighting the fire an easier task.

No estimate has yet been placed on the amount of damage that was caused by the blaze.

The mill is the current focal point of a fund-raising project being spearheaded by the Otonabee Region Conservation Foundation which has now set up an additional emergency account to accept donations to support fire-related repairs.

"We (the Foundation) need the community's support right now to help repair the damages caused by the

blaze," Foundation Chair Ron Scott says. "The Hope Mill is a very important landmark in our watershed community and within Peterborough County."

The Foundation had already started a major fund-raising campaign to raise money to restore the mill to

its "original charm and character," Mr. Scott said.

An Foundation-sponsored auction in February raised \$9,000. The auction marked the start of several fund-raising events to help make the restoration a reality.

Donations can be made at the Otonabee-South Monaghan municipal office in Keene, the Scotia Bank branch in Portage Place mall or the Foundation's office at the ORCA Centre at 250 Milroy Drive in Peterborough.

Members of the Peterborough County OPP Crime Unit continue to investigate the fire and are asking for any help the public might be able to provide. If you have any information that you might think helpful call the Detachment at 742-0401 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Reptile Zoo earns national rating

Indian River - The Indian River Reptile Zoo located just east of Peterborough at Indian River, has just become a recognized zoological institution receiving accreditation by the Canadian Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (CAZA).

This certification by CAZA makes the facility the only accredited reptile zoo in Canada.

Highest standards

To receive accreditation zoos must pass examination on rigid standards of animal husbandry, cleanliness, facilities, safety, staff knowledge and know-how. Recognized institutions must also offer the public information and provide educational value to the community.

It is considered an honour for a new zoo such as Indian River Reptile Zoo to qualify after being open for only two years, says Curator Bry Loyst.

"Our unique state-of-the-art facilities and our high standards of husbandry certainly met the criteria of the review committee," Mr. Loyst says.

"We are devoted to providing the proper climate and care of our animals," he says. "Our new outreach program will help us become more visible as we visit schools and institutions throughout the province."

The zoo is rapidly becoming a recognized authority on reptiles, their care, feeding and breeding.

"Our mission is to educate people about the value of reptiles in the world's ecosystems," Mr. Loyst says.

"We are not encouraging the private keeping of reptiles but we are aware of the growing interest in the hobby," he adds. "Many of our animals were former pets that grew too large for their owners to handle. We also provide a home for some reptiles that have been abused



Only accredited reptile zoo in Canada

or abandoned."

The Indian River Reptile Zoo houses over 300 reptiles, alligators, crocodiles, monitors, lizards, anaconda, Canada's largest collection of rattlesnakes and some rare and unusual species.

Mr. Loyst says that rare and endangered species such as wood turtles and massasauga rattlesnakes are on exhibit and are all licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The zoo helps educate the public about these animals and their habitat, he explains.

A visit to the zoo is a "one-of-a-kind experience" with alligators in glass-fronted pools for up close viewing. There is also live demonstration, lectures, "Touch-and-feel" opportunities occur at set times each day.

Mr. Loyst says the zoo is concerned "about the bad rap snakes get."

"They are not aggressive slimy creatures portrayed by Hollywood."

"They are very secretive animals that try to avoid human contact. Many are nocturnal and rarely seen by humans."

Destruction of their habitat around the world is bringing many reptiles to the brink of extinction, Mr. Loyst says.

"Our zoo hopes to play a role in helping people more aware of these wonderful animals."

He also says that many people don't realize that major advances are being made yearly in medical applications for a wide range of biochemical substances derived from reptile venom.

Anticoagulant from snake venom is now used to fight tumour growth, lower blood pressure and prevent heart attacks, he notes.

Mr. Loyst says the zoo is "truly one of the most modern and exciting reptile facilities in the world."

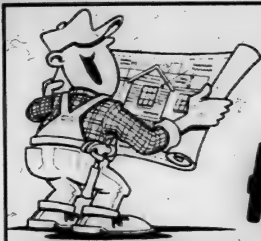
Even the gift and nature store is unusual with a wall of licence plates and an old truck smashing through the wall as an indication of Mr. Loyst's creativity.

The Indian River Reptile Zoo is located on highway 7, 16 km east of Peterborough. It is open seven days a week from 10 am until 5:30 pm.

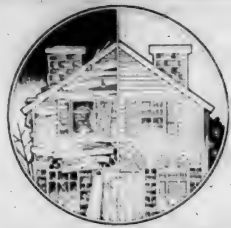


They were busy: Kathy Seabrook and Debbie McBeth were kept busy at the Norwood Veterinary Service office during Saturday's special rabies clinic. They were expecting at least 150 animals to pay a visit.
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Spring & Summer 2001 HOME IMPROVEMENT



Solid hardwood & area rugs – a new compromise!

(NC)—In the early days of solid hardwood flooring, although the floor had the capability to last 100 years, the finishes available could not stand up to the normal wear and tear of everyday life. To protect them, homeowners used "runners", those long rolled rugs that ran down the hall, and area rugs that were scattered in the family room and other formal areas. With the introduction of "wall-to-wall" broadloom nearly 50 years ago, both solid hardwood flooring and rugs slowly took a back seat to this new flooring alternative. Primarily due to its low cost and decorating versatility, it became the flooring of choice for many years. But over the last decade, much of that has changed again. The desire for more natural looking products on the floor such as stone and wood, a trend towards more health friendly products together with the introduction of prefinished technology for solid hardwood flooring of-



fered new alternatives to the homeowner. And now, to complement this change, we're again seeing a move to area rugs. But why? With the new strong finish technologies available, the protection originally afforded by the use of area rugs is no longer necessary.

Melody Fata, Manager of Sales Operations for a Canadian manufacturer of prefinished solid hardwood flooring, suggests that al-

though the growth of prefinished solid hardwood

flooring continues on the rise, we are beginning to also see a considerable resurgence of demand for area rugs. Her reasoning, "Area rugs can highlight the beauty of the hardwood flooring and vice-versa" states Ms. Fata. "The wide array of styles and colours of area rugs coming into the market, both manufactured locally and imported, together with the reasonable cost of this product makes it an exciting accessory in decorating any area" adds Ms. Fata. "In addition the broad range of both light and dark colours that are offered in prefinished

solid hardwood flooring tends to better enhance the look of the rugs than the natural tones that were the mainstay of the product in early years".

And the combination of both prefinished solid hardwood flooring and area rugs offers a combination of

decorating alternatives that gives the ultimate flexibility to the homeowner and decorator. The timeless beauty, durability and refinishing of solid hardwood flooring keeps it as the new flooring of choice for many consumers while area rugs complement the decor of the room.

Selecting the right hammer for the job

(NC)—Hammers may seem like the most straightforward, interchangeable tool in your do-it-yourself toolbox, but there are actually some subtleties to choosing the right type of hammer for the job at hand. It's a good idea to have a selection of hammers in your toolbox.

The do-it-yourself experts offer the following hammer hints to make sure you hit the nail on the head when faced with your next do-it-yourself project:

- For finish carpentry, where precision is key use a lightweight 12-ounce hammer.
- All-purpose hammers run a little heavier at 16-ounces and have a curved claw for removing nails.
- For rough construction purposes like framing additions or building stairs, you'll want a 22-ounce ham-

mer with a straight claw, which drives nails fast.

Regardless of the job, though, look for a forged steel head and a shock-absorbent handle to ease the wear and tear on your elbow and forearm.

Always take a moment to inspect your hammer before each use to ensure that the handle is tightly attached to the head.

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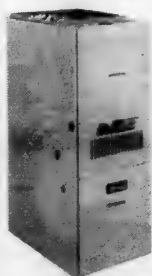
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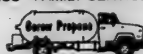
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Perth Invitational Fastball Tournament

Perth - Three American powerhouses, including the defending champions from Nebraska, have been confirmed for this year's prestigious Perth Fastball Shootout - July 20th to July 22nd.

The Travelers from Broken Bow, Neb., the Farm Tavern of Madison, Wis., and the Decatur, Ill., Pride are among the world's best, says Chairman Neil Fennell in a news release.

The Travelers won last year's tournament with a 5-1 trouncing of the Kitchener-Waterloo Twins. The Farm is a two-time winner of the Shootout, ringing up back-to-back championships in 1997 and 1998. The Pride have consistently been strong contenders through five appearances at Perth, and Fennell expects them to

show well again.

"We're extremely fortunate to have these high profile teams back," said Fennell. "All three of them have great pitching and all three have proved themselves as winners, either in tournaments or in championship competitions."

The three powerhouses are joined at the Shootout by the New York Smokers, a highly rated squad with roots in the 1998 championship team from Ballston, N.Y., and the Can Am Windmillers, back for the second year.

Canadian teams in this

year's Shootout are the Kitchener-Waterloo Hallman Twins, the Owen Sound Selects - last year's national champions - and the Summerside, P.E.I. Twins, hosts of this year's national championships.

"It promises to be one of the best," says Fennell Shootout chairman since it began in 1990. "These are all high quality, competitive teams who have been winners at every level of fastpitch softball. Any one of them could win it all," he says in the release.

The eight teams will be

competing at Conlon Farm Park in Perth for \$10,000 in prize money and a trophy that is highly regarded throughout the world of fastball softball.

Proceeds from the Shootout go to local charities and institutions. The tournament is an alcohol-free event designed to appeal to families as well as dedicated fastball fans.

Further information on the Perth Shootout is available on the Internet at www.ohearn.net/fastpitch/ or from Neil Fennell at 613-267-2049.

Fined \$1,500 for illegal dam

Bancroft - A Bancroft area resident was fined \$1,500 for building an illegal earthen dam across a stream.

Ricky Rallison, 45 of RR4 Bancroft pleaded guilty to a charge of unlawfully constructing a dam across a

river without authorization from the Ministry of Natural Resources, (MNR), a news release reads.

A conservation officer discovered the freshly constructed dam in the fall of last year during a routine check of hunt camps. Personnel from the Peterborough office of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, (DFO), also became involved in the investigation. The DFO works hand-in-hand with the MNR in cases involving the destruction of fish habitat.

The dam had been constructed across Mullett Creek in Dunganon Township. Mullett Creek feeds into Egan Creek, which is a cold water stream with a brook trout population. The charge was laid under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act; under this legislation work such as this requires approval from the MNR and, in some cases, the DFO.

In addition to the fine, Crown Prosecutor George Archer informed the court that the MNR would be seeking an order from the Minister to have the illegal dam removed.

Justice Of The Peace Lorraine Watson heard the case earlier this month at the Ontario Court of Justice in Bancroft.

If you have knowledge of any resource violations, please contact your local Conservation Officer or Crimestoppers at 1-800-TIPS (8477), the MNR news release concludes.

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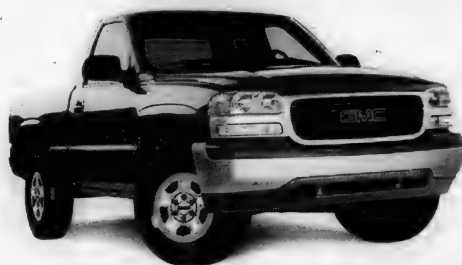
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General Safety

- Never let anyone swim alone.
- If you aren't sure about someone's swimming ability, make sure they stay in the shallow water and watch them closely.
- Establish "pool rules" that address the proper use of diving boards and slides,

diving and non-diving areas, pool games, food and alcohol consumption, pool maintenance, and handling chemicals. Post these rules, in simple language near the pool.

- Nobody should swim, dive, or slide if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- If you use a pool cover, carefully read the manufacturer's directions for safe use. Always completely remove the cover before using the pool.
- Keep electrical appliances away from the pool. Use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) on any appliance that must be poolside.
- Drain any standing water from the surface of your pool cover. Even a small amount of water may be sufficient for a small child to drown.
- One person should assume primary responsibility for supervising the pool.
- Prohibit horseplay, especially throwing or pushing someone into the pool or dunking.

Safety Tips for Kids

Room air conditioner cooling tips

- (NC)—By following simple maintenance and operating tips, homeowners can lower the cost of operating room air conditioners and stay comfortable when the hot, humid weather arrives.
- Install the air conditioner in a level position to make sure mechanical and drainage systems function properly. To save almost 10 percent on electricity, place the unit in a shaded opening.
- Clean or replace the air filter. Check it at least once a month in the cooling season and clean as necessary. Keeping the filter clean can lower energy use from five to 15 percent.
- Clean the drainage channel on the bottom of the unit

with a stiff wire. A blocked drain will prevent a unit from absorbing humidity, and water leakage can damage walls and carpets.

- Seal gaps between the air conditioner and the window frame with removable caulking to prevent cool air from escaping.
- Move any heat sources — such as halogen lamps, computer monitors or televisions — away from the air conditioner. Otherwise, the thermostat will not accurately sense room temperature, causing the air conditioner to run longer than required.
- Setting the air conditioner's thermostat to a lower position than normal will not cool the room any faster. Always set the thermostat to the desired temperature, to prevent excessive cooling and to remain comfortable.
- Set the fan on low speed on humid days to allow the air conditioner to efficiently extract excess humidity from the air. A high fan speed should be used when humidity is low.



- Never leave a child alone out of eye contact or supervision in or near a pool — not even for a second.
- Do not place objects such as chairs or tables near a pool fence that could allow a youngster to climb

over.

- Never consider young children watersafe despite their swimming skills, previous instruction or experience.

- Keep toys, particularly tricycles or wheel toys, away from the pool. A child playing with these could accidentally fall into the pool.
- Do not rely solely on plastic innertubes, inflatable armbands or other toys to prevent accidents.

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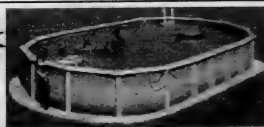
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by Lynn Noseworthy, MD
Medical Officer of Health
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We hear a lot about globalization these days. In most people's minds the term is probably linked to economics - trade agreements and tariffs. But another form of globalization exists. In an age of increased movement between countries, diseases have also become world travelers. Among the most serious is tuberculosis (TB).

Every 10 seconds, someone in the world dies of tuberculosis (TB). Every second, TB infects someone somewhere in the world. Overall, one third of the world's population is infected with TB bacteria that can lead to an active case of the disease.

It's important to know the difference between a TB infection and an active case of TB disease. A person may have TB infection without having TB disease. TB is

caused by bacteria which enter the lungs first but which may also infect other parts of the body. A person with active TB in the lungs coughs or sneezes, forcing



Dr. Noseworthy the TB bacteria into the air. Those exposed to persons with TB for prolonged periods of time can breathe bacteria into their lungs. This is unlikely to happen during a short exposure, on a bus or in an elevator, for example.

When a person breathes TB bacteria into his or her lungs, the bacteria usually stays there. The immune system in the body traps the bacteria by building a wall around them. This is called TB infection. The person does not feel sick and cannot pass the germs to others.

In 10 per cent of cases, people with TB infection will go on to develop an active case of TB disease. This can be brought on by the immune system being weakened by another serious illness, steroid medication, stress, aging, or malnourishment. Symptoms of TB disease include loss of appetite, weight loss, fatigue, fever, night sweats, and a painful cough (sometimes with blood coughed up.)

In Hastings and Prince Edward counties, the number of active cases of TB is low - less than five cases per year in recent years. But we can't allow

ourselves to think we are somehow immune to the problem. In 1993, the World Health Organization declared TB a "global emergency" and that still holds true.

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the National Coaching Institute, which awards a development grant to the recipient.

"The McSport program

fills a void in the recognition of amateur athletes who are making their mark on the international sports scene every month," said Jean Gosselin, Administrator of the McSport Award Program.

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In addition to programs like the McSport Awards, McDonald's and its franchisees are also major supporters of soccer.

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ONTARIO LAUNCHES POLLUTION HOTLINE

Province-wide Service Will Help Government Get Tough on Polluters

The Ontario government kicked off Earth Week by launching its toll-free, 24 hour public hotline for reporting acts of pollution. Environment Minister Elizabeth Witmer announced recently. The service is available immediately at 1-866-MOE-TIPS (1-866-663-8477).

"Earth Week reminds us that we must all do our part to protect the environment," said Witmer. "The pollution hotline makes it easy for people to help protect the environment by bringing problems to our ministry's attention. The hotline is another part of our government's Blueprint commitment to get tough on polluters and strengthen environmental compliance and enforcement."

In addition to locating polluters from callers' tips, the hotline will be used to gather information on new and emerging environmental issues. Hotline callers may choose to remain anonymous.

The government also released the Ontario Initiatives in Pollution Prevention - Progress Report 2001. The report illustrates how partnership initiatives between government and businesses have significantly reduced

pollution and saved millions of dollars.

By May 2000, ministry pollution prevention programs achieved a total reduction of 400,000 tonnes of toxic substances and wastes, exceeding the original goal of

386,000 tonnes by the year 2010.

"The report shows that pollution prevention is working in Ontario," said Witmer.

"I applaud our many partners who have wholeheartedly embraced pollution pre-

vention.

I look forward to working together with partners to continually improve on these achievements, and to create new partnerships with industry sectors, organizations and communities."

Youth Arrested In Marmora

On the 19th of April, 2001, members of the Centre Hastings OPP were called to a residence in the Marmora area for an out of control youth. The youth had swung a power cord and a chair around, causing over \$1000 damage to the home. The 15 year old male was located at the scene and arrested. He has been charged with breach of probation, mischief and theft. The youth was remanded into custody to Corbyville Children's Home and appeared for a bail hearing in Belleville.

Studies suggest moderate drinkers are more likely to survive a heart attack

People who have a drink or so daily are more likely than teetotalers to survive a heart attack and less likely to develop heart failure, two studies suggest. The findings add to the suspected benefits of moderate alcohol consumption.

Extensive research has shown that moderate drinkers are less likely to have heart attacks than abstainers, and heavy drinking has been linked to heart failure. But there is little research on the effects of moderate drinking on heart attack survival and heart failure.

Still, doctors are not prepared to routinely prescribe booze, because of the possible effects on such things as breast cancer, fetal defects and colon cancer. Also, moderate drinking can lead to problem drinking.

A researcher with the cardiology division of Kaiser Permanente, an HMO in Oakland, Calif., said doctors should weigh an individual's risks in determining the possible benefits of drinking.

In one of the studies, Dr. Kenneth Mukamal of Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and colleagues interviewed 1,913 heart attack patients in hospitalized across the U.S. between 1989 and 1994. The men and women were asked about their drinking habits in the preceding year. Death records through 1995 showed 317 died, about three-fourths from heart-related causes.

Compared with abstainers, light drinkers (under seven drinks a week) were about 20 per cent less likely to die and moderate drinkers (seven or more drinks a week) were about 30 per cent less likely to die.

It made little difference whether the patients drank mostly wine, beer or liquor.

The researchers said the numbers were too small to

evaluate the effects of heavy drinking. The studies did not look at exactly why moderate drinking appeared to have a protective effect.

But alcohol has been shown to increase levels of so-called good cholesterol and can make blood less likely to clot.

Also, while heavy drinking can raise blood pressure, modest drinking can lower it.

In addition, animal studies have shown that alcohol can blunt the effects of certain hormones that may stimulate the progression of heart failure.

The heart failure study asked 2,235 men and women of New Haven,

Conn., age 74 on average about their drinking habits in the previous month. They were questioned in 1982 and followed for up to 14 years. A total of 281 were diagnosed with heart failure.

Compared with nondrinkers, those who had at least 1½ drinks a day were about 20 per cent to nearly 50 per cent less likely to develop heart failure, with the protective effect increasing with the amount consumed.

The researchers, led by Emory University heart specialist Jerome Abramson, said the results should be interpreted with caution since moderate drinkers may have healthier diets and lifestyle too.

LET EVERY PERSON BREATHE

On May 3, 2001, the World Health Organization (WHO) together with its partners around the world, is observing World Asthma Day. Spring and early summer is the time when the 150 million asthma sufferers throughout the world should be particularly vigilant carrying their quick relief medications with them permanently, ready to fend off asthma attacks.

World Asthma Day is being observed in over 80 countries. It is a partnership between health care groups and asthma educators organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) programme. GINA was launched as collaborative effort in 1993 between the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, USA and the World Health Organization. The exact reasons for the increase still evade scientists and researchers. In the past, various theories were put forward: diesel fuel exhaust, allergies, diet, smoking, viral infections, colds and physical exercise. Today, the scientific community seems to agree that a combination of genetic and environmental factors is largely responsible for the onset of the disease. Some people are genetically predisposed to asthma.

Others suffer from the early-life allergen exposure, be it air pollution, damp housing, poor ventilation, dusty carpets, furry pets, cockroaches or indoor chemicals. Even passive or second-hand smoking by parents and especially mothers increases the risk of asthma in children. Infants born of mothers who smoke have smaller lungs and higher risk of developing asthma.



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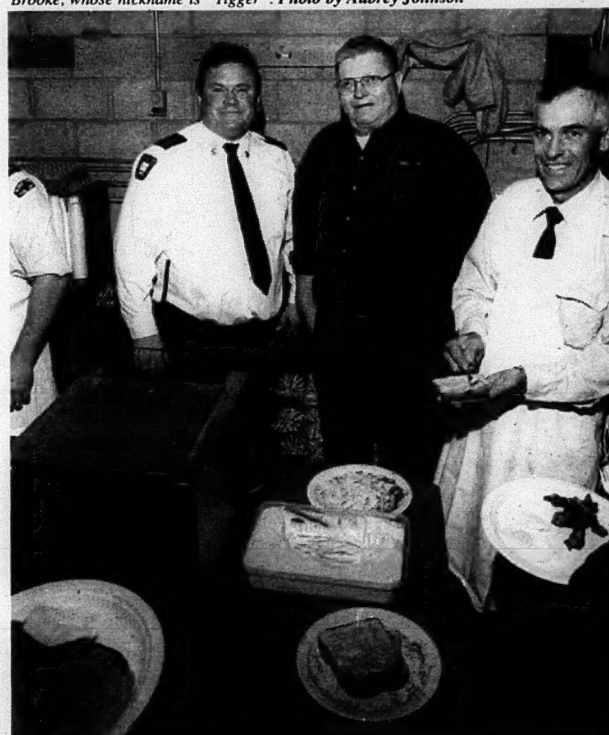
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The 1st Madoc Girl Guides undertake a number of fundraising events during the course of the year. At the recent Madoc Township Firemen's Annual Pancake Breakfast, the Guides were busy selling arts/crafts and baked goods to raise money for their upcoming trip to CFB Trenton on May 26. The movement currently has 25 members and take part in parades, camping, hikes, cookie blitzes, caroling and community service events. Pictured are Amanda, Stacey, Jessica, Lorissa, Rebecca, Melinda, Sara-Marie and Caitlin with Brooke, whose nickname is "Tigger". Photo by Aubrey Johnson



Come & Get It!

Our Madoc Township Firemen are pictured during the annual Pancake Breakfast held at the Madoc Township Hall, April 21. Funds raised from this event will be used to purchase and maintain the equipment which is part of the team's necessary fire fighting tools. Photo by Aubrey Johnson

Great Food!

In the photo to the left, Madoc Township Fire Chief Daren Morrison poses with Madoc Township Reeve Gerald Reid and Fireman Dale Wood.

On the menu were eggs, bacon, sausage, toast and the perennial favourite of everyone, fresh local Maple Syrup.

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Asthma and Allergy Alert

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increased 160 percent and asthma in school-age children has increased 75 percent.

The most common cause of asthma in these children is allergies.

Uncontrolled asthma and allergies can greatly diminish a child's quality of life. Asthma is one of the leading causes of school absenteeism, accounting for more than 10 million missed school days annually.

More than 40 percent of children with allergies and more than one-third of adults and children with asthma restrict their activities because of these diseases.

Many children with asthma lack the support system necessary to effectively manage their own diseases.

To manage asthma and allergies properly, the public

at-large needs to understand the challenges children with these diseases face, such as receiving the proper diagnosis, taking daily medications, avoiding or reducing their exposure to environmental triggers, dealing with peer pressure and much more.

The month of May is National Asthma and Allergy

Awareness Month, and the Allergy Foundation of America urges community members to learn more about the causes, symptoms and triggers of asthma and allergies, and encourages parents who suspect their child may have asthma and/or allergies to seek medical testing.

Paint Anyone?

The first free paint giveaway for 2001 started Wednesday April 25 and will continue for every following Wednesday, (provided sufficient quantities are available) from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Hazardous Waste Depot at the Belleville Public Works Yard, situated at 75 Wallbridge Crescent, in Belleville.

Donations of non-perishable food items for the local food banks will be greatly appreciated. There is no charge for the paint and is open to everyone. Call 394-6266 for further information.

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